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Hockey	Job	Miles Miles	George William	13	01	1840	Assault	A	Hockey, described as a labourer from Westbury, together with his wife and son, Joseph, was driving a donkey waggon from Cathedral Close towards Sadler Street when he encountered a cart coming the other way. As the cart passed, Hockey claimed that George Miles struck him several times with a whip. The cart then stopped and both George Miles, fishmonger, and William Miles, a dealer in earthenware, attacked Hockey with their fists. Hockey also claimed that they struck his wife. Each of the defendants was fined £1 with costs of 7/6d, or, if in default, to serve one calendar month in prison. According to an official list of fines and penalties both defendants paid the fines involved.	1840/001
Webb	Charles	Hewlett	Joseph	14	01	1840	Assault	A	Webb, a brushmaker, claimed to have been assaulted by Hewlett, a labourer. The alleged incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. The case was settled out of court.	1840/002
Churchouse	John	Bacon Churchouse	George Robert	17	01	1840	Theft of wool	T	The defendants were accused of stealing 36lbs of wool from John Churchouse in Godney. They were to be held in gaol until the next quarter sessions.	1840/003
Richards	Samuel	Webb Hodges Tucker Webb Foster Foster	Alfred Mark Alfred John Joseph Eliza	17	01	1840	Theft of lead	T	Richards was a plaisterer and tiler carrying out work at the Sun Inn. The two journeymen responsible for the actual work were Mark Hodges and John Webb with two boys as assistants, Alfred Tucker and Alfred Webb. Both boys testified that Tucker was given a piece of lead from the end of one of the gutters and told to take it to Joseph Foster's house and get some money for it. Tucker did as instructed and was given some money by Eliza, Joseph Foster's wife. The money was given to Webb and Hodges and the two boys received a couple of pence each.	1840/004

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Churchill	John Stanton	Burge	Miriam	20	01	1840	Refusal to work	Rw	Churchill was master of Wells Union workhouse. Burge was a pauper inmate of Wells Union from Baltonsborough. She was considered to be refractory, refused to do as she was told and exhibited disorderly behaviour. She was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1840/005
Keenan	Elizabeth	Hedges Bullock	Henry Betsy	29	01	1840	Theft of lace, ribbon & plaid	T	Hedges and Bullock were travelling hawkers who had been working together for around 4 months. At some point they had been in Wales and had stayed with Michael Keenan and his wife, Elizabeth, in Pontypool. The Keenans then complained that a quantity of lace, ribbons, silk etc had been stolen from their property and suspicion had fallen upon these two hawkers, particularly as they had in their possession some of what was said to be the stolen merchandise. The defendants were remanded in custody pending further investigation.	1840/006
Radford	Henry	Parfitt Parfitt	Thomas Samuel	01	02	1840	Theft of a watch	T	Radford was a labourer who claimed that a watch had been stolen from his home. He had taken a cart to Bristol for Mr Berryman and on his return discovered that his watch had gone missing. The Parfitts had been in his house at the time and Radford suspected that Thomas Parfitt had stolen the watch. The defendants were remanded in custody pending further investigation.	1840/007
Somers	Samuel	Brock	John	06	02	1840	Resisting arrest	A	Brock was a mason from Priddy. He was drinking in the Mitre run by William Boyce when he became violent and supposedly assaulted the publican's wife. This led to the police being called and PC Somers attempted to arrest Brock. This led to a free-for-all in which some of Brock's companions from Priddy were involved. Brock was fined 10/-for resisting arrest and ordered to pay costs of 10/6d. Failure to pay would result in imprisonment for 1 month with hard labour.	1840/008

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Somers	Samuel	Main	Levi	06	02	1840	Resisting arrest	A	PC Somers was called to the Swan Tap by Mrs Gallop, the landlord's wife, where Main was causing a disturbance. When Somers arrived Mrs Gallop was on the floor and appeared to have been either pushed or struck by Main, a labourer from Priddy. Main was fined 10/- with costs of 10/6d. According to an official return Main appears to have paid the fine imposed.	1840/009
Somers	Samuel	James	Thomas	06	02	1840	Resisting arrest	A	PC Somers had been in the process of arresting John Brock (see 1840/008) and Levi Main (see 1840/009) for separate breaches of the peace. Somers claimed that James, a labourer from Priddy, had attempted to intervene and release the men. James was fined 10/- with costs of 10/6d, or one month in prison with hard labour. According to an official return James appears to have paid the fine imposed.	1840/010
Somers	Samuel	Voke snr Voke jnr	William William	06	02	1840	Resisting arrest	A	The defendants were both farmers from Priddy. Both had been present when John Brock was being arrested but claimed not to have been involved in trying to release him. The defendants were discharged. The surname of the defendants might possibly be Weeks rather than Voke. There is no firm evidence to support this possibility, except for a mention of the name William Weeks in one of the witness statements; there also appear to be no records in Priddy for the surname Voke, but there are several for Weeks.	1840/011
Somers	Samuel	Hawkins	Francis	06	02	1840	Resisting arrest	A	PC Somers claimed that Hawkins, a labourer from Priddy, had been at the Mitre when John Brock was arrested and had been one of those who had attempted to release Brock. Hawkins was fined 1/- and, according to an official return, appears to have paid the fine.	1840/012
Green	George	Seale	Francis	11	02	1840	Assault	A	Green claimed that he had been struck several times on the face by Seale, a labourer. The case was settled without a hearing.	1840/013

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Dudderidge	George Webb	Hill	Susannah	12	02	1840	Offence against licence	L	PC Dudderidge accused Hill of opening a beerhouse at 9.00am. Hill was fined 40/- with costs of 10/-. She appears to have paid the fine.	1840/014
Summers (Somers)	Samuel	Brine	James	12	02	1840	Offence against licence	L	PC Buck claimed that he had visited Brine's beerhouse in Southover and found that at 11.40pm there were still 3 people drinking. PC Summers (more usually shown as Somers) noted that the terms of Brine's licence under the Beer Act allowed him to retail alcohol no later than 9.00pm. Brine was fined 40/-, including costs of 10/-; the fine was recorded as paid.	1840/015
Brine	James	York	John	17	02	1840	Petty trespass	Pt	Brine, the publican of the Rose & Crown, claimed that he had refused to allow York, a labourer, to purchase a drink after 9.00pm. As a result, York had become incensed and had damaged a door to the extent of 5/-. The case was settled out of court.	1840/016
Coat	James	Bown	William	18	02	1840	Assault	A	Coat, a labourer from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, claimed that he was assaulted by Bown, also a labourer from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. The incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert, with Bown allegedly striking Coat several violent blows with his fist.	1840/017a
Coat jnr	James	Bown	William	18	02	1840	Assault	A	Appears to be a duplicate of 1840/017a, except that this one appears to relate to James Coat the younger. The documentation includes details of fines and costs which appear to suggest that Bown incurred fines and costs totalling 18/6d over both cases..	1840/017b
Coat	James	Cook	George	18	02	1840	Assault	A	Coat, a labourer from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, claimed that he was assaulted by Cook, also a labourer from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. The incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert, with Cook allegedly striking Coat several violent blows with his fist. Cook was fined 1/- with costs of 7/6d; the fine was recorded as paid.	1840/017c

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Coat jnr	James	Cook	George	18	02	1840	Assault	A	Appears to be a duplicate of 1840/017c, except that this one appears to relate to James Coat the younger and there is no information relating to fine and costs, although an official list of fines and penalties shows that Cook was fined 2/6d and paid the fine.	1840/017d
Coat	James	Milton	John	18	02	1840	Assault	A	Coat, a labourer from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, claimed that he was assaulted by Milton, also a labourer from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. The incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert, with Milton allegedly striking Coat several violent blows with his fist.	1840/017e
Coat jnr	James	Milton	John	18	02	1840	Assault	A	Appears to be a duplicate of 1840/017e, except that this one appears to relate to James Coat the younger.	1840/017f
Coat	James	Morgan	George	18	02	1840	Assault	A	Coat, a labourer from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, claimed that he was assaulted by Morgan, also a labourer from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. The incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert, with Morgan allegedly striking Coat several violent blows with his fist.	1840/017g
Coat jnr	James	Morgan	George	18	02	1840	Assault	A	Appears to be a duplicate of 1840/017g, except that Coat in this instance is referred to as 'the younger'. From later documents (see 1840/020) it is possible that the apparent duplicates here relate to separate charges brought by James Coat the elder and James Coat the younger against the same four defendants.	1840/017h

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Sparkes	Elizabeth	Loxton	James	25	02	1840	Assault	A	Elizabeth Sparkes, spinster, Elizabeth Nicholls, gardener, and Edith Sampson, widow, were all working in the In Parish of St Cuthbert at the house of James Loxton, a plaisterer, when he had a violent row with his pregnant wife. Loxton had a knife in his hand and he seemed prepared to use it against his wife. Elizabeth Sparkes tried to intervene by persuading Mrs Loxton to get away from her husband. Loxton then assaulted Elizabeth Sparkes by catching hold of her hair and grabbing her by the neck, tearing her cap and gown and scratching her throat. Sparkes testimony was supported by Sampson and Nicholls, although the latter did not have a full view of the incident. Loxton was fined 2/6d with costs of 10/-, to be paid immediately, or to be imprisoned for one calendar month. The fine was recorded as paid.	1840/018
Lane	Susannah	Cottle	William	28	02	1840	Assault	A	Susannah Lane, wife of Charles Lane, labourer of the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, claimed that Cottle, a labourer, had assaulted her and pulled her hair. The case was settled without a hearing.	1840/019a
Lane	Susannah	Gan Hutton	William James	28	02	1840	Assault	A	Susannah Lane, wife of Charles Lane, labourer of the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, claimed that Gan and Hutton had been in her house and had behaved riotously. They had tumbled down on the bed of her son Charles Lane jnr and had also thrown a live calf onto the bed in which he was lying.	1840/019b
Coat jnr	James	Milton Morgan Bown	John George William	02	03	1840	Assault	A	Statement in relation to case 1840/017 by James Coat the younger. He claimed that he had gone to Mrs Hill's beerhouse to find his father. When he went in, Milton challenged him to a fight and Morgan threatened to knock his block off. As Coat went to leave, he was struck by Milton and knocked down; the others also attacked him and he recognised Bown amongst those who were striking him.	1840/020a

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Coat snr	James	Milton Morgan Bown Cook	John George William George	02	03	1840	Assault	A	Statement in relation to case 1840/017 by James Coat the elder of Easton. Coat had been in Wells to give testimony against the defendants on a charge of assault. After the hearing he had gone to Mrs Hill's beerhouse and found all four defendants were there. They challenged him - and, later, his son - to a fight. Eventually all four attacked the two Coats who claimed to have given no provocation. Their testimony was supported by George Barber, a labourer from Wells, and William Chamberlain the elder.	1840/020b
Coat snr	James	Morgan	George	02	03	1840	Assault	A	Statement in relation to case 1840/017 from William Oldfield, labourer from Wells. Oldfield claimed not to have heard a specific insult made by Morgan to James Coat snr, but did not rule out the insult having been made.	1840/020c
Dudderidge	George Webb	Wingham	John	03	03	1840	Rogue & vagabond	V	PC Dudderidge saw Wingham loitering near the centre of Wells and instructed him to leave town. Wingham was seen heading along the Bristol Road, but within a short time was back in Priest Row where Dudderidge arrested him and found him in possession of two knives. Dudderidge suspected that he may have intended to commit a felony. Wingham was convicted of being a rogue and vagabond and sent to prison for 6 weeks.	1840/021
Coat snr	James	Milton	John	07	03	1840	Assault	A	Letter from Mary Ann Coat, daughter of James Coat the elder and sister of James Coat the younger. She advised the magistrates that the dispute between them and John Milton see 1840/017 and 1840/020) had been resolved by Milton paying for the cost of the summons and buying a half-gallon of beer which had been drunk in friendship at the house of James Coat the elder.	1840/022

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White	John	Duffy	Francis	17	03	1840	Theft of money	T	PC White of Coxley arrested Duffy (initially referred to as Duffett in the documentation) and found on him a silk handkerchief (later claimed by Matthew Cottle), 4 rings, silver coin amounting to over 21/- and an account book / cheque book. A letter from Mr Hart of Batheaston claimed that these items, together with a £5 note and a coat, had been stolen from him by Duffy who, it appears, was then subsequently transported to Bath.	1840/023
Buck	Abraham	Flaherty	Patrick	18	03	1840	Theft	T	PC Buck arrested Flaherty on suspicion that he was about to commit a felony, since he was well known to be a thief. He was sent to prison for 3 weeks.	1840/024
Somers	Samuel	Porter Porter Porter Porter Isgar Edwards	William Mary Ann Edward James Caroline Mary	20	03	1840	Theft	T	PC Somers had the defendants remanded until 21st March in expectation of being able to offer firm evidence.	1840/025
[Justices]		{Various}		23	03	1840	List of fines and penalties	*	List of fines and penalties related to the period from January 1839 to March 1840. The individual cases referenced have been modified to take account of the information in this list. A new case has been created for the assault committed on Jacob Rogers by Charles Lacey (see case 1839/079a).	1840/025a

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Knight	Thomas	Garnett Oxley	Charles Robert	27	03	1840	Assault	A	<p>Knight had previously been in custody at Ilchester and had made a complaint against Garrett and Oxley for their conduct towards him there. All three appear to have been brought to Wells for trial for their various offences. Knight claimed that Garrett and Oxley had then attacked him in the cells, aided by Philip Marsh, another prisoner. A fine of £5 was imposed with a prison sentence of 2 months in the event of default, but there is no specific information to say to which prisoner(s) the verdict applied.</p> <p>An official list of fines and penalties for the period March 1840 to March 1841 shows that Garnett (or, possibly, Garrett) was imprisoned for failing to pay the fine imposed (see 1841/024a).</p>	1840/026
Willis	Thomas	Francis	Francis	28	03	1840	Cruelty to a dog	C	PC Willis brought a case against Francis, a butcher, for abusing and beating a dog, The defendant was discharged. The case was dismissed.	1840/027
Somers	Samuel	Kelson Edwards	William William	31	03	1840	Theft of food	T	There had been a break in at the Union workhouse in Odd Down from which various articles, especially food, had been stolen. PC Somers arrested Kitson (36) and Edwards (51) for possession of certain items of this stolen property. Both defendants claimed to have come to Wells from Frome. The magistrates in Bath requested that the two prisoners be transferred to Bath for further investigation and trial. The magistrates in Wells submitted an invoice for £1.2s.6d to Bath for the costs incurred in dealing with the prisoners.	1840/028
Churchill	John Staunton	Andrews	William	06	04	1840	Absconding from workhouse	Ab	Churchill was master of the Wells Union workhouse. Andrews of Wookey was admitted to the workhouse as a pauper and absconded later that day wearing clothes that belonged to the workhouse..	1840/029
Somers	Samuel	Lane	Charles	07	04	1840	Maintaining a house of ill repute	Dh	PC Somers claimed that Lane's lodging house was known as a house of ill repute where girls of easy virtue and thieves could often be found. Somers had been called to quell a disturbance and he took Lane into custody for maintaining a disorderly house.	1840/030

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Buck	Abraham	Stride	James Hutton	07	04	1840	Theft of articles from employer	T	Acting on the basis of an entry in the Police Gazette, PC Buck apprehended Stride who had supposedly absconded from his employment at Wilson Keith & Co in London and had taken £71 in cash from them. Police officer Hodges in London requested that Stride be sent to London for the hearing to take place there and PC George Hann was sent to collect the prisoner. PC Buck provided Hann with a list of the items found on Stride at the time of his arrest.	1840/031
Dudderidge	George Webb	Moore	Elizabeth	13	04	1840	Vagrancy	V	PC Dudderidge described Moore as an idle and disorderly person, a beggar who had been before the magistrates in Wells recently for the same offence of begging. Moore was committed to Shepton Mallet prison for one month.	1840/032
Willis	Thomas	Paine	John	13	04	1840	Assault	A	PC Willis arrested Paine for disorderly behaviour and whilst they were en route to prison Paine threw Willis down and resisted being taken to gaol. Paine was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/6d. Paine appears to have paid the fine.	1840/033
Barber	James	Millard Surbutt jnr	William James	22	04	1840	Assault	A	Barber, the innkeeper of the Full Moon, claimed to have been assaulted by Millard and Surbutt. They had abused Barber's wife after ordering beer for which they had refused to pay. Barber had sought to take his wife's part and got involved in a fight with the two defendants who refused to leave the pub. Robert Edghill and George Cox provided witness testimony that supported Barber. Millard was fined 20/- with costs of 5/6d to be paid immediately or serve 2 months in prison, while Surbutt was fined 5/- with costs of 5/6d, again to be paid immediately or serve one month in prison. An official list of fines and penalties for the period from March 1840 to March 1841 shows that the fines were paid, but the fine for Surbutt is shown as being only 1/- rather than 5/- (see 1841/024a).	1840/034

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Lewis Lewis	John Henry	Griffiths	John	23	04	1840	Leaving employer without completing work	Nc	John Lewis was the owner of a brush manufacturing business, while Henry, his son, was the manager. Griffiths had been employed as a turner and was given a number of tasks to complete for which he appears to have been paid in advance. Griffiths left his employment without completing the work for which he had been paid. He was sentenced to 14 days imprisonment with hard labour.	1840/035
Phillips	William	Helman	Robert	27	04	1840	Rogue & vagabond	V	Phillips was an ostler at the Red Lion Inn, who was approached by the defendant claiming to be a servant of the Rev. W Parker who was moving to Wells and bringing two waggons of goods. Phillips was suspicious of the man and passed information to the police. PC Buck went to the lodgings where Helman had claimed to be staying and could not find him there but spotted him wandering around the Deanery the next morning. Buck apprehended him as a rogue and vagabond who had come to Wells with felonious intent.	1840/036
Churchill	John Staunton	Langley	Ruth	27	04	1840	Desertion of child	Ds	John Staunton Churchill, described as a gentleman, was the governor of Wells Union workhouse. George Langley, father of Ruth Langley, had come to the workhouse and asked for relief for his daughter's bastard female child, his daughter having absconded leaving the child with her father. Churchill had granted the child relief and it was now chargeable to the Liberty of St. Andrew. He applied for Ruth Langley to be apprehended.	1840/037
Aldrit	Rev William	Seale jnr	John	29	04	1840	Cruelty to an ass	C	Reverend Aldrit claimed that Seale had abused and ill-treated an ass. The offence took place in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert.	1840/038
Dare	Isaac	Smith	William	30	04	1840	Theft of hay	T	Dare was a farmer of around 140 acres at Ubley. He sent Smith, his employee, to get some goods from the other side of Sherborne and provided him hay to feed the horses along the way. Smith was apprehended in Wells and accused of selling the hay.	1840/039

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Fry	William	Foster Porter	Henry John	02	05	1840	Theft of fishing net	T	Fry, a currier, had lent a fishing net to Robert Russell of Keward. When he went to get it, he found that it had been stolen the night before, allegedly by Foster and Porter. Fry requested that a warrant be issued for their arrest. A warrant was duly issued.	1840/040
Ashman	Jane	Foster	Henry	04	05	1840	Assault	A	Jane Ashman complained that Foster, a labourer, had assaulted her and kicked her. Ann Woodham and George Churchouse were to be summoned to give evidence. Foster was fined 5/- with costs of 7/6d or, if in default, to serve one calendar month in prison in Shepton Mallet; the fine was recorded as paid.	1840/041
Seale	Martha	Seale	John	05	05	1840	Assault	A	Martha Seale claimed that her husband, John, described as a labourer, had tried to hit her with a spade and threatened to kill her.	1840/042
Longmead	Elizabeth	Longmead	James	15	05	1840	Assault	A	Elizabeth Longmead complained that her husband, James, described a labourer, had assaulted her and struck her several times on different parts of her body.	1840/043
Fry	William	Brown	James	27	05	1840	Theft of brass	T	George Bird, a brightsmith, was offered brass by a man named Joyce, an associate of Brown. Brown was called down from his lodging and, after agreeing a price with Bird, went off for around half an hour before returning with a quantity of brass. Bird bought the brass and went to see William Fry, described as a mealman. Fry recognised the brass as having come from a mill in Bull Lane owned by himself and his brother, Charles; the brass had been cast aside as being of no further use. Fry then summoned PC Dudderidge and went with him to apprehend Brown.	1840/044
Collier	Moses	Hicks Rawlings	Henry Michael	27	05	1840	Petty trespass	Pt	Collier, a hairdresser with premises in Grove Lane, complained that a pole which had been attached to the wall of his house had been removed and wilfully damaged by Hicks (of Walcombe) and Rawlings; the pole had later been seen in the moat. The case was settled without a hearing.	1840/045

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Tyte	Cornelius	Ayres	Richard	28	05	1840	Theft of brass	T	Tyte, a gentleman, complained that articles of brass had been stolen from his house at the same time as an auctioneer was selling items of furniture in the house. Tyte suspected that Ayres, the auctioneer's assistant, had stolen the brass. This was confirmed by a witness statement from Alexander Tate, an ironmonger, who had bought various bits of brass from Ayres. Tyte recognised the articles as his. Ayres was apprehended and initially imprisoned until the next General Sessions, but was then released on bail.	1840/046
Derham	John	Barnard	Edmund	02	06	1840	Assault	A	Derham was the licensee of the Royal Oak public house. He had returned to the pub late in the afternoon to find Barnard and another man about to fight. He tried to persuade Barnard to leave, but, having no success, grabbed him by the collar to evict him. At this point Barnard allegedly hit him in the mouth and then Derham struck Barnard before calling upon assistance from the police. PC Dudderidge then took Barnard into custody. Other witnesses claimed that Barnard had not struck Derham and asserted that Derham himself said he had not been struck by Barnard. Barnard was fined 1/- with costs of 5/-; the fine was recorded as paid.	1840/047
Edghill	Robert	Surbutt jnr	James	02	06	1840	Assault	A	Edghill, described as a painter, claimed that Surbutt, a labourer, had assaulted him and knocked him down. The case was settled without a hearing.	1840/048
Howard	Ann	Lester	Patience	11	06	1840	Assault	A	Both plaintiff and defendant were inmates of the Wells workhouse. Howard claimed that Lester spat in her face without any provocation from her. Lester was convicted and fined £1 to be paid immediately or to serve 14 days in Shepton Mallet prison. An official list of fines and penalties showed that Lester was committed to prison (see 1841/024a).	1840/049

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Davis	Frederick	Weaver	Charles	13	06	1840	Assault	A	Davis was a blacksmith and Weaver was his employee. Weaver put a shoe on a colt and it was apparently the custom to give the smith a small gift when a colt is first shod. Weaver demanded that he be given drink and, when it was not forthcoming, knocked Davis down. Weaver was fined 12/- with costs of 8/- or to serve 1 month in prison; the fine was recorded as paid.	1840/050
Churchill	John	Dix	William	18	06	1840	Theft of clothes from workhouse	T	Churchill was the master of Wells Union workhouse. He claimed that Dix had absconded from the workhouse wearing clothes that had been provided to him by the workhouse and had subsequently sold these clothes.	1840/051
Moore	John	Gardner Gardner Gardner	John Charles William	23	06	1840	Assault	A	Moore, a carpenter, claimed that he had been knocked down and kicked by the three defendants, all described as painters. The assault was witnessed by Thomas Allen, a tailor. John and William Gardner were each fined 1/- with costs of 5/- each; the fines were recorded as paid.	1840/052a
Derham	John	Warman	Susan	06	07	1840	Non-payment of market toll	Um	Susan Warman, the wife of William Warman, a carrier, was charged with exposing a goose and chickens for sale in New Street, a location not licensed for market activity. The defendant admitted the offence and was fined 10/-, to be paid immediately, otherwise a distress warrant would be issued. According to an official return the fine was paid, but costs of 7/- were deducted from it.	1840/052b
Derham	John	Cook	Mary	24	06	1840	Hawking butter from door to door	Um	Derham was a licensed victualler. He complained that Mary Cook, the wife of John Cook of Henton, was hawking butter from door to door in Sadler Street, a location not licensed for market activity. Cook was fined 10/-, including costs which were set at 7/-; the amount due appears to have been paid.	1840/052c

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Richards	William	Richards	Stephen	30	06	1840	Assault	A	Stephen Richards, a basket maker, had apparently become upset that his son's wife had sold a chair belonging to him. His son, William Richards, also a basket maker, complained that Stephen Richards had collared him and tried to provoke him into committing a breach of the peace. According to PC Willis who had seen the incident in the Market Place, Stephen Richards was tipsy, but he did not see him collar his son at any stage.	1840/053
Churchill	John	Howard	Ann	02	07	1840	Leaving children chargeable to parish	Ds	Churchill was master of Wells Union workhouse. Ann Howard was an inmate who left the workhouse with her 4 children who were then returned to the workhouse and became chargeable to the parish. Howard was remanded in custody pending a hearing set for 3 July 1840.	1840/054
Churchill	John	Willey	Elizabeth	06	07	1840	Damaging workhouse property	Pt	Churchill was master of Wells Union workhouse. He claimed that Willey, an inmate, had attacked Ellen Escott, another inmate, and torn Escott's cape. Willey was then locked up for the afternoon as punishment and during that time damaged the door to the room by cutting it with a dining knife that she had secreted on her person. The estimate of the damage was 2/6d. Willey was convicted and fined 2/6d with costs of 5/- or to serve one calendar month in prison with hard labour. According to an official return of fines and penalties Willey did not pay the fine and was committed to prison (see 1841/024a).	1840/055
Ryder	Nicholas	Werrett	Samuel	07	07	1840	Assault	A	Ryder was a serjeant in the 98th regiment. He was in Wells at the fair with a colleague, corporal Samuel Harris, and they were standing talking in High Street. Harris had to take evasive action as Werrett, a cider dealer, was driving past in a horse and cart at a great rate. Ryder asked Werrett to take more care and Werrett responded by flicking the whip in his face, cutting his cheek. Werrett was fined 2/- with costs of 8/- or to serve 14 days in prison with hard labour; the fine was recorded as paid.	1840/056

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Dudderidge	George Webb	Mills	James	13	07	1840	Indecent exposure	le	PC Dudderidge encountered a nearly naked Mills in the High Street. Mills had apparently had three and a half pints of beer at Walter Armstrong's retail premises and when asked to pay had taken off his shirt and trousers, thrown them down and walked out into the street. Mills was convicted as a beggar and vagabond and sentenced to 2 months in prison with hard labour. Note: it is possible that the surname of the defendant could be Wills rather than Mills.	1840/057
Dudderidge	George Webb	Fletcher	William	14	07	1840	Petty trespass	Pt	PC Dudderidge took the defendant into custody for being drunk and creating a great noise in High Street. Overnight Fletcher broke 12 panes of glass in his cell and bent all the lead parts outwards. Fletcher was fined 10/- to cover the damage with costs of 4/6d or to serve 2 calendar months in prison with hard labour. According to an official return listing fines and penalties Fletcher did not pay the fine and was therefore committed to prison.	1840/058
Willis	Charles	White	William	16	07	1840	Unlawfully enlisting	Fr	John Everett of the 47th Regiment of Foot was recruiting in the Coach and Horses at East Wells. He recruited White, a butcher, to serve in the Scotch Fusilier Guards and gave him the Queen's shilling which White immediately spent in the pub. Charles Willis of the Scotch Fusilier Guards then had White examined by the surgeon, Mr Nicholls, who reported that White was unfit for military service. It then emerged that White had been rejected before for enlistment at Bristol. He had, in effect, obtained money by false pretences, knowing that he would be declared unfit for service.	1840/059
Millard	William	Allen Allen	Edward George	17	07	1840	Theft of fruit from garden	T	Ann Millard, wife of William Millard, a gardener, claimed that the two defendants, sons of Eleanor Allen, had picked gooseberries and currants from her husband's market garden. Both Edward and George Allen were sentenced to 2 months imprisonment with hard labour.	1840/060

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Buxton	James	Lawrence	William	21	07	1840	Assault	A	Buxton, a labourer, claimed that Lawrence, also a labourer, had pushed his fists into Buxton's face and caught hold of his coat. The case was settled without a hearing.	1840/061a
Willis	Thomas	Stott	Jane	22	07	1840	Hawking butter from door to door	Um	PC Willis saw Jane Stott, wife of George Stott, a farmer from Westbury, hawking butter from door to door in Chamberlain Street on a market day. Chamberlain Street was not an area licensed for market trading. The case was settled without a hearing.	1840/061b
Derham	John	Stott	Frances	22	07	1840	Hawking butter from door to door	Um	Derham, a licensed victualler, complained that Frances Stott, daughter of James Stott, a farmer from Westbury, was hawking butter from door to door in High Street on a market day. High Street was not an area licensed for market trading. The case was settled without a hearing.	1840/061c
Goodenough	Edmund	Bartlett	Benjamin	24	07	1840	Theft of chicken	T	John Ponfield, a servant of Dr Edmund Goodenough, the Dean of Wells, complained that Bartlett had stolen one of the Dean's chickens from or near the Dean's farm in Ash Lane. Ponfield had gone to see Bartlett and accuse him of the crime. Bartlett stated that he did not know to whom the chicken belonged and he had hidden it in the hedge; he offered to take Ponfield to find it. Testimony from John Wainwright said that he had seen Bartlett chasing the chicken, stunning it with a stone and taking it away in his pocket. Bartlett was fined 1/- with costs of 10/-; the fine was recorded as paid.	1840/062
Churchill	John Stanton	Counsell	Harriett	30	07	1840	Refusal to work	Rw	Churchill was master of Wells Union workhouse. Counsell was an able-bodied pauper inmate aged about 18, who was assigned tasks such as pumping water and washing a room. Churchill claimed that these tasks were appropriate to her age and strength. Counsell refused to carry out the tasks assigned, even after being warned of the potential consequences. Counsell was convicted and sent to prison for 21 days with hard labour.	1840/063

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Carter	Eliza	Wallen	James	01	08	1840	Assault	A	PC Buck and two other constables were called to the street behind the Somerset Hotel where a man was supposedly ill-treating a woman named Eliza Carter. They found the woman to be insensible, conveyed her to Mr Clements' lodging house and called a surgeon. Mr Purnell, the surgeon, found Carter unconscious in a chair, heavily pregnant and with several bruises around her head and face. Her condition was too dangerous for her to be moved and to be examined with respect to the potential offence. The defendant, Wallen, a labourer from Oakhill, was remanded in custody and then released with a requirement to put forward sureties to keep the peace towards Eliza Carter for 12 months.	1840/064
Brine	James	Roberts	James	03	08	1840	Theft of furniture	T	Brine was renting a property from Joseph Dix and was sub-letting a room to Roberts. Brine found that Roberts had removed all the furniture from the room that he was renting and had taken the items to the house of Mr Collins where he had gone to live. The items of furniture supposedly taken included: bedstead, bedding, oak table, curtains, bellows, shovels etc.	1840/065
Loxton	Caroline	Loxton	Robert	09	08	1840	Assault	A	Caroline Loxton complained that when she had gone to ask her husband, Robert, to come home from the Fountain Inn, they had had words. He then threw a dishcloth in her face and told her to go home, before then hitting her around the head and face and knocking her down twice before she became unconscious. Robert Loxton was ordered to pay 9/6d on or before 15 August.	1840/066
Webb	Sarah	Webb	John	17	08	1840	Assault	A	Sarah Webb, wife of Charles Webb of the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, a brushmaker, complained that John Webb, a plasterer, had assaulted her and struck her in the face and back. The case was settled without a hearing. No indication of the relationship between Sarah Webb and John Webb is given.	1840/067

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Blackett	Matthew	Lawrence	William	18	08	1840	Assault	A	Blackett, a labourer, claimed that Lawrence had come up to him in the street, grabbed him by the collar, and told him he was going to treat him (Lawrence) to a glass of beer. When Blackett refused, saying that he had not enough money to treat himself, Lawrence had allegedly knocked him down and caused him to bleed profusely,	1840/068
Bartlett jnr	Cornelius	Surbutt snr Surbutt jnr	James James	18	08	1840	Theft	T	Bartlett, described as a labourer, had an allotment in the Bishop's Ground at the back of Park Wood. He had been growing wheat on the land and had cut most of it when he finished work for the evening. When he returned the next morning he discovered that several sheaves of wheat were missing. He requested a search warrant for the houses of the Surbutts. The request for the warrant was granted. PC Buck searched the relevant properties but found no evidence of the stolen wheat.	1840/069
Redding	Thomas	Dix	John	24	08	1840	Assault	A	Redding, a blacksmith, claimed that Dix, a carpenter, had adopted a fighting stance and challenged Redding to fight him. According to a note on the case header document, it appears that the case was 'never called for'.	1840/070
Willis	Thomas	Francis	John	27	08	1840	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Willis charged Francis, a collier from Farrington Gurney, with obstructing the free passage of traffic in High Street by leaving his horse and cart parked in the street for longer than was necessary to load or unload it. The case was dismissed on Francis paying the costs of 4/6d.	1840/071
Willis	Thomas	Dyer	Thomas	27	08	1840	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Willis charged Dyer from Wedmore with obstructing the free passage of traffic in High Street by leaving a wagon belonging to his master, George Duckett, parked in the street for longer than was necessary to load or unload it. The case was dismissed as no person of the name of Dyer could be found in Wedmore.	1840/072

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Surbutt jnr	James	Seal	Francis	31	08	1840	Assault	A	Surbutt claimed that Seal had assaulted him and struck him violently several times. The initial decision appears to have been to dismiss the case, but the word 'Dismissed' has been struck through and seems to have been replaced by 'Fined 1d'. Seal appears to have paid the fine.	1840/073
Churchill	Maria	Salmon	Selina	09	09	1840	Assault	A	Maria Churchill, a single woman, complained that she had been assaulted and knocked down by Selina Salmon, the wife of a gentleman from Taunton. The case was regarded as having been settled out of court as neither party appeared.	1840/074
Sweet	Rhoda	MacMullen	Ann	10	09	1840	Assault	A	Rhoda Sweet was a servant to Dr Stephen MacMullen. Macmullen's wife, Ann, complained that Sweet had spilled water on the landing floor and ordered her to wipe it up. After some words had passed between them, Sweet had gone to get a cloth and when she was cleaning up the small amount of water, there were further words between the two women which resulted in Mrs MacMullen kicking Rhoda Sweet in the mouth.	1840/075
Young	Thomas	Chasey	John	10	09	1840	Fraudulent enlistment	Fr	Young enlisted Chasey in the 47th Regiment of Foot and asked him to return for a medical examination. The surgeon, Dr Nicholls, recognised Chasey from having examined and rejected him for enlistment in the 90th Regiment because of a crooked toe. Chasey had concealed this information from Young and had deceitfully taken the Queen's shilling. Chasey was imprisoned for 21 days with hard labour.	1840/076

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Salmon	Charles	Goodfellow	Charles	10	09	1840	Malicious trespass	Pt	Salmon, a licensed victualler, had supplied Goodfellow, a coachmaker, with beer in a gallon can for him and his employees. When Salmon sought to reclaim the can, he found that it had been badly damaged and there was a glass inside it. Goodfellow admitted that he had damaged it. Salmon claimed that the damage was at least 3/- (the summons set the damage at 10/6d). It appears that the judgement would have required Goodfellow to pay 8/6d but the case was said to have been settled out of court.	1840/077
Williams	Daniel	Small	John	19	09	1840	Assault	A	Daniel Williams was the son of John Williams and aged about 10. He had been playing with Small's son in East Wells but he claimed that Small, a carpenter, had collared him, shaken him, hit his head against the wall and torn his jacket. The case was settled with Small agreeing to pay 5/- immediately and a further 2/6d within a few days.	1840/078
Rogers	Jacob	Bryant	James	23	09	1840	Malicious injury	Pt	Rogers, a livery stable keeper, stated that he was returning from Westbury with a group of people in a landau fly when Bryant, a servant to Joseph Lovell Lovell, jumped on the step and tried to get in to the carriage. Rogers claimed that Bryant's jumping on the step caused a spring to be broken and the cost of the damage was 17/-. The case was settled between the parties.	1840/079
Parker	Thomas	Shaw	Jane	30	09	1840	Theft of meat	T	Parker, a butcher, claimed that Jane Shaw had stolen two pounds of meat from his premises. Shaw was remanded in custody until the next Quarter Sessions.	1840/080
Brooks	Benjamin	James	John	30	09	1840	Wilful damage	Wd	Brooks, the keeper of the gaol in Wells, claimed that James, who had been taken into custody for drunkenness, had deliberately broken windows in the prison. James agreed to pay for the windows that had been damaged and promised payment within a few days.	1840/081

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Parker	Thomas	Oxley	Matthew	03	10	1840	Assault	A	Parker, a butcher in High Street, claimed that Oxley had come into his shop and demanded his rent. According to Jonas Parker, Thomas' son, Oxley had demanded £32, a year's rent. When the Parkers refused (Thomas claimed that he did not owe any rent), Oxley began taking the meat off its hooks and throwing it around the shop. Thomas Parker tried to prevent Oxley doing this and a fight ensued in which both men struck each other several times. Parker claimed self-defence and requested that Oxley be required to put forward sureties for his future conduct. Oxley appears to have been fined 10/6d (fine recorded as paid) with costs of 10/6d and was bound over in the sum of £100 (£50 from Oxley himself, £25 from Samuel Syms, a pastry cook in High Street, and £25 from Joseph Oxley of East Wells) to keep the peace for 2 years, particularly with respect to Thomas Parker.	1840/082
Dudderidge	George Webb	Francis	Samuel	05	10	1840	Cruelty to a sheep	C	PC Dudderidge charged Francis, a butcher, with ill-treating a sheep. The case was dismissed.	1840/083
Dudderidge	George Webb	Main Burleton	John William	05	10	1840	Drunkenness	D	PC Dudderidge saw the two defendants making a great disturbance in the street. Dudderidge sought to take them into custody and Main attempted to strike him. They were fined 5/- each and bound over in the sum of £20 each to keep the peace for 12 months; both defendants were recorded as paying the fine imposed.	1840/084
Dudderidge	George Webb	Sage	Thomas	05	10	1840	Indecent exposure	le	PC Dudderidge charged Sage with indecent exposure in the Market Place. Sage was said to be drunk. Sage was bound over in his own recognisance of £20 to keep the peace for 12 months.	1840/085
Ball	Sydney	Ball	Zachariah	05	10	1840	Assault	A	Sydney Ball complained that Zachariah Ball came to his house in a drunken state and threatened to break many of his possessions. In addition, he struck Sydney Ball's wife. The case was settled with Zachariah Ball paying costs of 2/6d.	1840/086

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Richards	Samuel	Richards Melmoth	John Frederick	07	10	1840	Theft of money	T	Samuel Richards claimed that John Richards had stolen money from him by unlocking a box containing the money. Melmoth averred that John Richards had asked him to provide a key to unlock a clothes box to which he had lost the key. John Richards admitted that he had used the key to take money from his uncle's box (but only small sums) because Melmoth was demanding money to buy squibs.	1840/087
Richards	Samuel	Richards	John	08	10	1840	Absentee apprentice	Ab	Samuel Richards, a plaisterer, stated that John Richards, his nephew, had been apprenticed to him. He had not been a good apprentice and had frequently absented himself from work. Samuel Richards also acknowledged that John, aged around 15, had admitted taking two sovereigns from a drawer, but Samuel suggested that more items of his property had gone missing. John Richards was sent to prison for 14 days with hard labour - and also to be corrected, i.e. whipped.	1840/088
Voysey	John	Pointing Pointing	William Sarah	09	10	1840	Assault	A	Voysey, a blacksmith, had gone to the Exmouth Arms Inn run by William and Sarah Pointing where he had taken part in a raffle and won a leg of mutton. In celebration he bought a quart of beer and as he was paying for it he told Sarah Pointing, the landlady that she owed him eightpence halfpenny for work that he had done for her. This provoked an argument between them where she had attacked him. The argument appears to have continued to Charles Bendall's house where Sarah Pointing tried to hit Voysey with a broom handle which Voysey managed to catch hold of and break. There were witness statements from Robert Crandon, labourer, John White, chimney sweep, and Charles Bendall, smith. The case was settled out of court. Note: the summons gives Mrs Pointing's forename as Elizabeth.	1840/089
Somers	Samuel	Padfield	James	13	10	1840	Vagrancy	V	PC Somers charged Padfield with vagrancy and with indecent exposure close to the Market Place.	1840/090

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Chasey	James	Francis	Robert	14	10	1840	Assault	A	Chasey, a labourer, complained that when he had been at the Fountain Inn, he had encountered Francis, a butcher, with whom he had had some dealings when weighing calves for him at the market in Shepton Mallet. The two men had had some discussion before Francis assaulted Chasey and hit him several times.	1840/091
Good	Frank Coopey	Taylor	Robert	21	10	1840	Assault	A	Good, a veterinary surgeon, complained that he had been assaulted by Taylor, a butcher. Good encountered Rawlins at the White Horse Inn where Taylor had reportedly been very abusive to Good before striking him on the nose. Good claimed to have offered no provocation and he had supporting testimony from Michael Rawlins, also a veterinary surgeon. Taylor was found guilty and fined 4/6d with costs of 10/6d or to serve 14 days in prison. According to an official return listing fines and penalties Taylor was committed to prison with the fiine unpaid (see 1841/024a).	1840/092
Churchill	John Staunton	Willey	Elizabeth	22	10	1840	Absconding from workhouse	Ab	Churchill was the master of Wells Union workhouse. He complained that Willey, a pauper inmate, had recently been admitted to the workhouse and been supplied with the appropriate clothing. However, she had now deserted and run away from the workhouse taking with her the clothes with which she had been issued and which were the property of the Guardians. Willey was apprehended, convicted and sentenced to 2 months imprisonment in Shepton Mallet.	1840/093
Porter	Sarah	Howlett	Sarah	31	10	1840	Assault	A	Sarah Porter, a single woman, claimed that she had been assaulted and struck several times about the head and face by Sarah Howlett, also a single woman. Howlett pleaded guilty to the charge and was required to pay costs of 8/-.	1840/094
Clements	Caroline	Everdell	James	02	11	1840	Retention of money	T	Caroline Clements complained that Everdell, an auctioneer, had received the sum of £2 on her account but was refusing to give it to her.	1840/095

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White	William	Clarke	John	04	11	1840	Assault	A	White, a butcher, complained that Clarke, a sawyer, had threatened to strike him and challenged him to a fight. Costs were 5/6d and Clarke was required to put forward a surety of £20 of his own money and undertake to keep the peace for 6 months.	1840/096
Foxwell	Charles	Parker	Thomas	06	11	1840	Exposing meat for sale outside market	Um	Foxwell, a victualler, complained that Parker, a butcher, had exposed meat for sale in High Street which was not licensed for market trading on a market day. The case was settled without a hearing.	1840/097
Emery	Joseph	York	John	12	11	1840	Petty trespass	Pt	Emery complained that 8 panes of glass in his house had been damaged and, inside, several bottles had been broken, apparently by an explosion, possibly connected to a firework. Witness testimony from Sarah Hayden, wife of Stephen Hayden, indicated that York had been very close to Emery's house when there had been an explosion, but she considered that he had been too drunk to initiate any activity involving a firework. There were suggestions from other sources of string being tied to Emery's house in order to assist in setting off an explosion, but no definitive evidence emerged. Emery had spoken to York, who implied that he knew who had been involved, but he declined to say who it was, saying that he had been too drunk to remember properly.	1840/098
Gallop	Mary	Gallop	John	17	11	1840	Assault	A	Mary Gallop claimed that her husband, John, a publican, had come home and struck her several times about the arms and head. She stated that such actions were a frequent occurrence and she was concerned that, with the threats that he made to her, he would do her some serious bodily harm. John Gallop was bound over in the sum of £50 of his own money to keep the peace for 2 years, particularly with respect to his wife.	1840/099
Phillips	William	Gallop	John	19	11	1840	Assault	A	Phillips, an ostler, claimed that Gallop, a publican, had assaulted him and struck him in the chest. The case was dismissed with the defendant paying the costs.	1840/100

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Jafferson	Ann	Parfitt	John	04	12	1840	Theft of money	T	Ann Jafferson complained that the counting house of her business had been broken into and cash stolen; the amount involved was between two and three pounds. In her view the theft had been carried out by someone well acquainted with the premises and she suspected that her servant, Parfitt, had committed the robbery. She requested more time to establish more conclusive evidence.	1840/101
[Justices]		Francis	Francis	05	12	1840	Non-payment of fine imposed by justices	N	Following a complaint by Charles Foxwell, Francis had been found guilty of exposing beef for sale in an unlicensed location and was ordered to pay the sum of 10/- of which half would go to Foxwell and half to the City. Francis had refused to pay any part of the sum involved. The justices therefore invoked distress proceedings, instructing PC Buck to distrain such goods and chattels belonging to Francis that would, when sold, realise sufficient money to pay the fine of 10/- and the costs of the distress proceedings.	1840/101a
Taylor	Elizabeth	Taylor	Robert	11	12	1840	Assault	A	Elizabeth Taylor complained that her husband, Robert, had initially threatened violence to their daughter, Matilda, aged about 14, because she had taken longer than expected on an errand. Elizabeth had intervened to prevent her daughter being beaten, but later in the day Robert Taylor became violent towards his wife, threatened to murder her and chased her around the kitchen with a knife in his hand. Taylor was required to put forward a bond of £100 of his own money and find two other sureties of £25 each to guarantee his behaviour, in particular towards his wife, for the next 12 months. If he could not provide such sureties, then he would go to gaol for 12 months, or until such time as he could come forward with the required sureties.	1840/102a
Foxwell	Charles	White	William	18	12	1840	Exposing meat for sale outside market	Um	Foxwell, a victualler, complained that White, a butcher, had exposed pork for sale on a market day in Tucker Street, a location not licensed for market trading. The standard fine for such an offence was 10/-. The date of the alleged offence was 5 December.	1840/102b

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Foxwell	Charles	Bence	Catherine	18	12	1840	Exposing meat for sale outside market	Um	Foxwell, a victualler, complained that Bence, a widow, had exposed pork for sale on a market day in High Street, a location not licensed for market trading. The standard fine for such an offence was 10/-. The date of the alleged offence was 5 December.	1840/102c
Foxwell	Charles	Wilkins	James	18	12	1840	Exposing meat for sale outside market	Um	Foxwell, a victualler, complained that Wilkins, a butcher, had exposed pork for sale on a market day in High Street, a location not licensed for market trading. The standard fine for such an offence was 10/-. The date of the alleged offence was 9 December.	1840/102d
Foxwell	Charles	Francis	Francis	18	12	1840	Exposing meat for sale outside market	Um	Foxwell, a victualler, complained that Francis, a butcher, had exposed beef for sale on a market day in High Street, a location not licensed for market trading. Francis pleaded guilty and was fined 10/-, with half to go to Foxwell and half to the Mayor, Aldermen and Borough. The date of the offence was 5 December and it seems likely that it was this offence that was the basis of case 1840/101a.	1840/102e
White	Caroline	White	William	19	12	1840	Assault	A	Caroline White, a single woman, complained that she had been assaulted by William White, a butcher, in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. She claimed that White had struck her in the face. The case was dismissed as neither party appeared at the hearing.	1840/103

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Allen	Elizabeth	Allen	James	02	01	1841	Assault	A	Elizabeth Allen was the wife of James Allen, a labourer living in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. She complained that he had struck her with his fist and threatened to split her skull with a candlestick. Three weeks earlier he had attacked her with a knife and badly cut her face. She was appealing for protection with respect to his future conduct. According to an official return listing fines and penalties Allen was fined £5 and, as he was unwilling or unable to pay, he was then committed to prison.	1841/001
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Somers	Samuel	Allen	James	02	01	1841	Petty trespass	Pt	PC Somers appears to have charged Allen with petty trespass. Allen was found guilty and fined 4/6d. Initially, it appears that Allen did not pay the fine and was committed to prison, but the fine then seems to have been paid. There is no documentation for this case; the only information is obtained from the official return for fines and penalties (see 1842/011a). The case may or may not be related to 1841/001.	1841/001a
Bricknell	Hester	Sheppard	James	02	01	1841	Indecent assault	Sa	Hester Bricknell, whose husband was a labourer living in the In Parish of St Cuthbert, complained that Sheppard had caught hold of her in an indecent manner and did so several times. She also complained that he had acted in an improper manner towards other women. In addition, she alleged that he had struck Hannah Brampton with his fist and had horsewhipped Louisa Cundy, the cook at the Angel Inn.	1841/002
Brewin	James	Foxwell	Charles	02	01	1841	Non-payment of poor rate	N	Brewin was one of the Overseers of the Poor in the Liberty of St Andrew. Foxwell was the occupier of a market house and had been assessed as needing to pay £6.7s.6d as his contribution to the poor rate. This amount had been outstanding since October 1840 and Foxwell was refusing to pay it.	1841/003
Somers	Samuel	Allen	James	02	01	1841	Petty trespass	Pt	PC Somers had arrested Allen and taken him into custody in the cells at Wells where he was to stay overnight. Allen was given a bucket for his use overnight. Somers stated that the bucket was in perfect condition, but by morning it had been damaged beyond repair. The value of the bucket was 4/6d. Allen was fined 4/6d with costs of 8/6d to be paid immediately or to serve two calendar months in prison.	1841/004

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Barber	James	Salmon Creedy Allen Morrow	Selina Major Thomas Charles	19	01	1841	Sureties for the peace	Su	Barber, a publican, requested that the defendants be bound over to keep the peace in their future conduct towards him. The case was settled without a hearing. Creedy and Morrow were described as plaisterers and Allen as a tailor.	1841/005
Spring	Robert	Allen	Thomas	29	01	1841	Sureties for the peace	Su	Spring, a tailor, complained that, while he was in the Tailor's Arms beerhouse, he was threatened with physical violence by Allen, also a tailor. This was not the first occasion on which Allen had threatened and abused him. Spring requested that Allen be bound over with respect to his future conduct. Allen was required to put forward a bond of £20 as a surety for his conduct over the next 12 months.	1841/006
Barnard	John	Wolfe	Charlotte	30	01	1841	Theft of money	T	Barnard, a butcher, stated that he and his wife kept cash in a tin box in their bedroom. When his wife went to the bedroom to get some money from the box, the box and its contents (said to be around £23) had gone. Apart from Barnard's own family, the only person who had access to the bedroom was Wolfe. Barnard suspected that she, or someone else but with her connivance, had taken the money and requested that her father's house be searched.	1841/007
Derham	John	Smith Smith	John James	30	01	1841	Theft	T	Derham was a publican and it appears that some property of his may have been stolen by the defendants. John Smith was from Midsomer Norton, the residence of James Smith is not clear. The defendants were bailed in the sums of £50 and £25 (or possibly £20, the figures are not clear) respectively to appear again before the magistrates on Saturday 20 February.	1841/008
Teal	George	Crandon	William	01	02	1841	Theft of a dog	T	Teal, a labourer, complained that he had left a white terrier bitch in an outhouse adjoining his property when he went to work. When he returned the door to the outhouse was still closed but the dog had gone. Teal accused Crandon, also a labourer, of taking the dog. The case was dismissed.	1841/009

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Champeny	Clement	Baker	Joseph	06	02	1841	Dangerous driving	Rd	Champeny was a farmer from Theale who was driving a gig near Portway on his way home from Wells. He saw a waggon drawn by 3 horses coming towards him and shouted to warn the other driver of a potential collision. The other driver was Baker who was in a waggon belonging to James Sheppard of South Horrington. Baker crashed into Champeny's gig, breaking the traces and tipping Champeny and his passenger, John Carver, into the road. Baker failed to stop and carried on towards Wells. Champeny assessed the damage to his gig at £3. The case was marked as settled.	1841/010
Buck	Abraham	Parfitt	George	08	02	1841	Desertion	M	PC Buck appears to have been involved in the arrest of Parfitt as a deserter from the 3rd Regiment of the Scotch Fusilier Guards. Parfitt, a private, was committed to Shepton Gaol until his case was dealt with by the military authorities.	1841/011
Harvey	John	Caple	Thomas	20	02	1841	Theft of grain sacks	T	Harvey was a corn merchant from Blackford. He had left 6 sacks of oats at The Swan for sale in the market with instructions that the empty sacks should be sent to the White Hart. When Harvey called at the White Hart to collect the sacks, they were not there. Harvey was advised by Robert Foster that he (Foster) had bought a sack marked with Harvey's name from Caple, formerly an ostler at the White Hart. Caple was bailed in the sum of £20 to appear before the magistrates on Saturday 27 February when the case was dismissed for want of sufficient evidence.	1841/012
Derham	John	Bowering jnr	Benjamin	22	02	1841	Non-payment of toll	N	Derham was the renter of tolls for the Southover turnpike gate. He claimed that Bowering, a farmer from Polsham in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, had left a horse and gig tethered to a stile on the Wells - Glastonbury road in order to evade the toll. The case was settled with the defendant paying the costs.	1841/013

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Hawkins	Elizabeth	Guppy	Edward	22	02	1841	Assault	A	Elizabeth Hawkins was the wife of James Hawkins, a butcher residing in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. She complained that Guppy, a labourer, had struck her on the head with his fist. Guppy paid 2/6d and the case was settled.	1841/014
Dudderidge	George Webb	Stocker Tanner Vincent	George Thomas Edwin	09	03	1841	Disturbing the peace	Dp	PC Dudderidge charged the three defendants, all described as labourers, with playing pitch and toss in Silver Street / Behind Walls on a Sunday.	1841/015
Buck	Abraham	Whitcombe	William	09	03	1841	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Buck charged Whitcombe, a stone mason from Doulting, with obstructing the highway on two successive days by parking a waggon laden with stone in High Street. The case was settled by the defendant paying the costs.	1841/016
Green jnr	John	Hopkins	William	12	03	1841	Assault	A	Green, a wheelwright from the In Parish of St Cuthbert, claimed that Hopkins, a carpenter, had struck him a violent blow on the head with a stick. Green called Henry Sparrow and Thomas Allen, both tailors, as witnesses. The case was dismissed with Green being required to pay 5/6d costs plus 6d for the defendant's time.	1841/017
Dudderidge	George Webb	Hill	Giles	15	03	1841	Breach of the peace	Dp	PC Dudderidge charged Hill with fighting in the street. Hill was bound over in the sum of £20 to be put forward by himself and a further bond of £10 put forward by his father, James Hill of Oakhill.	1841/018
Judd	Richard	Bendall	George	20	03	1841	Obstructing the highway	O	Judd was employed by Mr Miller, surveyor of roads, to superintend repairs and ensure that no nuisances were committed on the roads. Judd complained that the road known as East Wells had been partially blocked for more than two hours by a coal waggon belonging to Bendall which had been parked in the street. Case was dismissed with Bendall paying costs of 2/6d.	1841/019

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Judd	Richard	Francis	Thomas	20	03	1841	Obstructing the highway	O	Judd was employed by Mr Miller, surveyor of roads, to superintend repairs and ensure that no nuisances were committed on the roads. Judd complained that the road known as Tor Lane had been blocked for more than two hours by two coal waggons belonging to Francis which had been parked in the street. Case was dismissed with Francis paying costs of 2/6d.	1841/020
Salmon	Melisent	Redding Weaver	Thomas Charles	20	03	1841	Assault	A	Melisent Salmon (Millicent?), wife of Charles Salmon, a publican, claimed that she had been assaulted by Redding and Weaver, both blacksmiths. The case appears to have been settled with Redding and Weaver paying the costs of 4/6d.	1841/021
Somers	Samuel	Brown	???	20	03	1841	Vagrancy	V	PC Somers arrested a man called Brown (no forename is given) whom he found hawking laces without a licence. Brown admitted that he was not from Wells and made a living by travelling from place to place and working as a trader. Somers claimed that Brown had no means of making a livelihood in an honest way. It seems that Somers had arrested Brown's wife on a charge of theft on the previous day.	1841/022
Millard	William	Bryant	Isaac	22	03	1841	Assault	A	Millard, a serjeant in the 75th Regiment of Foot, was in Wells recruiting for the regiment. He claimed that he had been assaulted and struck in the face by Bryant, a labourer. The case was noted as settled.	1841/023
Chislett	John	Lee	Henry	22	03	1841	Petty trespass	Pt	Chislett claimed that Lee, a labourer, had destroyed 4 of his roses valued at 2/-. The case was dismissed.	1841/024
[Justices]		[Various]		31	03	1841	List of fines and penalties	*	List of fines and penalties covering the period from 24 March 1840 to 31 March 1841. Also contains one entry relating to November 1838.	1841/024a
Dudderidge	James	Spear Rendall	Robert John	05	04	1841	Assault	A	Dudderidge, a plaisterer, was walking down Southover when he was set upon by the two defendants, one of whom he had seen kicking at someone's door. Dudderidge had told them to stop kicking the door before he was then assaulted, struck several times and knocked down. The defendants were fined 5/- with costs of 3/6d; the fine was recorded as paid.	1841/025

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White	William	Bartlett	Jacob	13	04	1841	Assault	A	White, a butcher, claimed that he was assaulted by Bartlett, a labourer, who struck him on the arm. The incident occurred in Camp Close in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. Bartlett argued that he was climbing over a stile when he was tripped by White. Several witnesses offered different views of the incident. The case was dismissed on payment of costs of 9/6d but it is not clear who was to pay these costs.	1841/026
Sims	Sarah	Ansford	William	29	04	1841	Sureties for the peace	Su	Sarah Sims, wife of Samuel Sims, pastry cook, was seeking that Ansford, a coachmaker, be required to provide sureties as to his future conduct towards her.	1841/027
Marshall	Elizabeth	Langley Lawrence	Elizabeth William	01	05	1841	Assault	A	This case appears to concern two separate instances of assault related to Eliza Marshall, a single woman. Marshall claimed that she was walking around the Liberty of St Andrew when Elizabeth Langley, also a single womsn, came up to her, abused her, tore off her bonnet and struck her in the face. In the second incident Lawrence appears to have approached Marshall and asked to have sex with her. When she refused he struck her and knocked her down and then hit her several more times when she was down. Marshall's account of the incident with Lawrence was supported by testimony from Sarah Rich, a single woman. Langley was discharged on promising not to molest Marshall, while, according to the case documentation, Lawrence was fined 9/- with costs of 10/-. According to an official list of fines and penalties Lawrence was fined 8/- and duly paid the required sum.	1841/028
Priest	Henry Norris	Rawlings	Michael	06	05	1841	Assault	A	Priest, a cordwainer, complained that he had been assaulted by Rawlings, a veterinary surgeon, who had struck him a blow in the face. Rawlings was fined 5/- with costs of 9/- or to serve one calendar month in prison; the fine was recorded as paid.	1841/029

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Somers	Samuel	Chislett	John	11	05	1841	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Somers arrested Chislett alias Harry Bluff alias Lee in the Market Place where he was behaving in a drunk and disorderly manner and insulting the passers-by. When arrested he had reacted violently against Somers. Chislett was convicted of being a rogue and vagabond and was committed to serve 3 calendar months in prison with hard labour.	1841/030
Wells Gas Company		Sims	Samuel	17	05	1841	Non-payment of gas bill	N	Sims, a confectioner, had not paid the outstanding account for gas consumed on his premises. Sims was ordered to pay the amount outstanding.	1841/031
Hamblin	William	Lovell	Edmund	21	05	1841	Assault	A	Hamblin, a butcher, was struck in the face at the door of his shop by Lovell, a glazier who lived across the road. There were several witnesses and all agreed that Lovell struck Hamblin. Some witnesses stated that Lovell struck one blow, some said two blows; some witnesses said that Hamblin abused Lovell before a blow was struck, some said that Hamblin had offered Lovell some roast pork. According to the case documents. Lovell was convicted of assault and fined £1 with costs of 13/- or to serve one month in prison. However, according to an official list of fines and penalties, Lovell was fined 5/-and this amount was paid. Witnesses were: Levi Allen, blacksmith; Emma Light, daughter of James Light of Bristol, labourer; Sarah Cox, servant to Mr Hamblin; William House, labourer; Jacob Hutchings, milkman.	1841/032
Buck	Abraham	Smith	James	03	06	1841	Idle & disorderly person	V	PC Buck arrested Smith in High Street where he had been begging, firstly in the Star Inn from which he had been evicted, and then in the Angel Inn. Smith was charged as a rogue and a vagabond and was sent to prison in Shepton Mallet for one calendar month with hard labour.	1841/033

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Webb	John	Judd Guppy	Benjamin Edward	03	06	1841	Assault	A	Webb, a plaisterer and tiler in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, complained that he had been assaulted by Judd and Guppy, both described as labourers, and had been struck several times on the head and in the face. The case was settled without a hearing.	1841/034
Taylor	Elizabeth	[Justices]		04	06	1841	Request for release of prisoner	RI	Elizabeth Taylor was the wife of Robert Taylor who had been sent to prison because he had assaulted her and had been unable or unwilling to provide sureties as to his future conduct towards her. Mrs Taylor had now approached the magistrates and asked for her husband to be released, since she no longer felt in danger from him and did not require him to put forward sureties. The magistrates requested the governor of Shepton Mallet prison to release Taylor unless he was being held for reasons other than the assault upon his wife.	1841/035
[Regina]		Adams	Anthony	10	06	1841	Sureties for the peace	Su	Adams of Chewton appears to have been required to put forward sureties of £20 and to keep the peace for 12 months.	1841/036
Dudderidge	George Webb	Palmer	George	10	06	1841	Drunkenness	D	PC Dudderidge charged Palmer of West Harptree with being drunk in a public place. Palmer was fined 5/- (recorded as being paid) and it also appears that he was required to put forward recognisances to keep the peace and be of good behaviour for 12 months.	1841/037
Willis	Thomas	Hodges	Thomas	11	06	1841	Assault	A	It appears that PC Willis was assaulted in the course of his duty by Hodges, a labourer. The assault was sufficiently violent that Willis' life was said to be endangered. Hodges was remanded in custody until the next quarter sessions as he appears to have been unable to raise the bail bond of £100 that was demanded.	1841/038
Aimsbury	Abraham	Crandon	John	12	06	1841	Assault	A	Aimsbury, a labourer from Burnham, claimed that he had been assaulted in the In Parish of St Cuthbert by Crandon, a labourer from Berrow, and had been struck with several violent blows. Crandon was fined 5/- with costs of £1.2s.0d. John Greenwood, a yeoman from Bleadon, and Joseph Sparks, a labourer from Hutton, were summoned as witnesses.	1841/039

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Perham	Richard	Brown	John A	12	06	1841	Non-payment of debt	N	Perham claimed that Brown, a carpenter of East Wells, owed him half a sovereign and was refusing to pay the debt. Brown gave a written undertaking on 14 June to pay Perham 5/- on the forthcoming Saturday evening.	1841/040
Allen	Elizabeth	Moore	John	18	06	1841	Theft of money	T	Elizabeth Allen was the wife of Levi Allen and helped him run a beerhouse in Queen Street. She had gone upstairs to get some change (11 penny pieces and 2 half pennies) but before she could put the change away she had to serve Moore who wanted some cider. She put the change down on top of the barrel while serving the cider and Moore stood beside her. After he took the cider, saying that he would pay on the Saturday evening, she could not find the money. She and her husband stopped Moore and forced him to turn out his pockets where they found 3 pennies and 1 half penny in one pocket and 8 pennies and 1 half penny in another. Moore claimed that he had got these coins from other sources.	1841/041
Bennett	Pharaoh	Everdell Jessett	Charles Henry	18	06	1841	Petty trespass	Pt	Bennett was a labourer living in Priest Row. He claimed that he heard the sound of breaking glass at about 1.00am, got up and saw Everdell and Jessett, both described as labourers, throwing stones at his windows. He went outside and followed the defendants, meeting PC Buck who was able to identify Everdell and Jessett. Four panes of glass were broken at an estimated value of 10/-. An arrest warrant was issued for Charles Everdell.	1841/042

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Hobbs	Samuel	Foster	Gabriel	19	06	1841	Assault	A	Hobbs was an attorney with offices in Sadler Street. He had some months ago sued Foster for a debt owing to one of his clients. As a result of the case Foster was imprisoned. On his release, Foster began to pester Hobbs at his office and at his house, shouting abuse at him and threatening personal violence. Hobbs requested that Foster provide sureties as to his future conduct. Foster was instructed to provide a recognizance of £100 in his own name and secure two other bonds of £50 each to keep the peace for the next 12 months. Foster refused to comply and was sentenced to prison in Shepton Mallet for 12 months, or until he provided the sureties required.	1841/043
Brooks	Benjamin	Foster	Gabriel	19	06	1841	Petty trespass	Pt	Brooks was the keeper of the cells in the courts at Wells. He claimed that Foster, presumably in custody as part of case 1841/043, had broken 24 panes of glass in the windows of the cells at a value of 18/-. Foster was convicted and fined 18/- with costs of 7/6d to be paid immediately; in default to serve 2 calendar months with hard labour in the House of Correction at Shepton Mallet. According to an official return Foster did not pay the fine imposed and was therefore committed to prison. However, according to a separate and different official return, the fine of 18/- was paid.	1841/044
Dudderidge	George Webb	Howell jnr	James	21	06	1841	Theft of money	T	Dudderidge claimed to have received information from James Howell snr, now resident in Weymouth, that James Howell jnr had stolen 7 sovereigns from Alice Coombes in Weymouth. Because of the difficulty of getting witnesses from Weymouth to Wells, where Howell jnr had been arrested, the case was adjourned and Howell jnr held in custody. When the hearing took place, Howell jnr was discharged.	1841/045

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Somers	Samuel	Millard	William?	23	06	1841	Assault	A	PC Somers claimed that Millard (forename not given but may possibly be William; see case 1841/023) had assaulted him by shaking a stick above his head in a threatening manner. Millard was said to have left Wells (possibly as his regiment had moved on).	1841/046
Bartlett	Jacob	White	William	28	06	1841	Assault	A	White, a butcher, appears to have been indicted to appear at the quarter sessions in respect of an assault upon Bartlett in April 1841, but White failed to appear and was declared to be in contempt of court. A warrant for White's arrest was issued.	1841/047
Wills	William	Lilly	William	28	06	1841	Assault	A	Wills complained that Lilly had assaulted him. Lilly was found guilty and fined 15/6d with an unspecified amount for costs. There is no case documentation; information is derived solely from an official list of fines and penalties (see 1842/144).	1841/047a
Baller	Richard Clarke	Willey	Eliza	30	06	1841	Refusal to work	Rw	Baller was master of the Wells Union workhouse. Willey was a pauper inmate who, on two separate days, refused to carry out the work to which she was assigned. Baller took the view that she was simple and may possibly be insane, but considered that she was fully aware of when she was doing wrong.	1841/048
Priest	William	Coleman Badman Walker	William William Edward	01	07	1841	Theft of vegetables	T	Priest was a labourer living in Tucker Street with a small garden adjoining his house. He claimed that during the night many of his lettuces and onions had been stolen and the rest of his onion crop had been trodden down. The value of the stolen and damaged vegetables was 10/-. Coleman, a brushmaker, Badman, a plaisterer and tiler, and Walker, a labourer, were all seen and identified by John Moore, carpenter, Priest's neighbour. Moore identified Coleman and Badman as having actually stolen the vegetables, while Walker was present but not seen in the garden itself. Fines of 20/- were imposed with costs of 12/6d; the fines were recorded as paid.	1841/049a

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Priest	William	Coleman	William	01	07	1841	Assault	A	Priest had been outside his house in Tucker Street together with James Loxton, cordwainer, when Coleman, a brushmaker, passed by. There was an exchange of words between Coleman and Priest about vegetables (see also case 1841/049a) which led to Coleman using very abusive language about Priest and his wife, and then striking Priest on the arm - although not a hard blow, as perceived by Loxton. The case was settled on the payment of costs of 6/-, presumably by Coleman.	1841/049b
Lovell	Edward	White	John	10	07	1841	Assault	A	Lovell, a mason resident in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, complained that White, a butcher, also from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, had picked up a handful of mud from the gutter and thrown it in his face. The case was settled out of court.	1841/050
Clements	John	Flood	Robert	10	07	1841	Assault	A	Clements, a pensioner, claimed that he had been assaulted by Flood, a brushmaker. The alleged incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. The case was settled without a hearing.	1841/051
Badman	William	Howard Howard	William Ann	13	07	1841	Assault	A	Badman, a plaisterer and tiler living in Tucker Street, claimed that, when he was returning home from work, his passage down an alleyway was blocked by Howard, a stone mason, who was making a great commotion and threatening to fight anyone. Badman claimed that he was struck around the head and body. The case was settled without a hearing. Although Ann Howard is referred to in the summons, she is not mentioned in Badman's written statements.	1841/052

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Wills	William	Tilly	William	15	07	1841	Assault	A	Wills, a labourer, claimed that he was in Queen Street when Tilly called to him and asked him why he had not turned up for work as he had promised. Wills had replied that he had no tools and no victuals. At this point Tilly struck Wills with his fist and knocked him down; in all, Wills claimed that he was knocked down three times but had not struck Tilly at all. Wills' testimony was supported by John Nichols, surgeon, who had seen the incident while in High Street. Tilly was fined 15/6d with costs of 9/6d, or, in default of immediate payment, to serve 2 calendar months in the House of Correction at Shepton Mallet.	1841/053
Young	Silvia	Sweet Sweet	Henru Samuel	19	07	1841	Sureties for the peace	Su	Henry and Samuel Sweet were summoned to show why they should not have to put forward sureties to keep the peace towards Silvia Young. The case was settled without a hearing.	1841/054
Kelway	John	Tanner	John	24	07	1841	Theft of lead	T	Kelway had accused Tanner of stealing lead belonging to him. The magistrates determined that Tanner should be held in custody until the next assizes which would take place at Bridgwater.	1841/055
[Justices]		Foster	Gabriel	24	07	1841	Request to release from prison	RI	See cases 1841/043 and 1841/044. Apparently sureties had been put forward by Francis Foster and Samuel Smith in the sum of £50 each, in respect of Foster's conduct over the next 12 months. As a result, the magistrates instructed the Governor of Shepton Mallet gaol that he could release Foster, a plumber and glazier, once he had put forward his own sureties of £100 (it is by no means clear that he had done this), provided that he was not being held in prison for any other reason (see case 1841/044 for a possible reason).	1841/056
Moore	John	Badman	William	05	08	1841	Sureties for the peace	Su	Badman, described as a labourer, was summoned to show why he should not have to put forward securities with respect to his future conduct, particularly towards John Moore, carpenter. See case 1841/049a for a possible reason as to why there could be some animosity between the two men.	1841/057

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Bendall	Charles	Mullins	Edwin	06	08	1841	Absconding apprentice	Ab	Bendall, a tailor, had taken on Mullins as an apprentice in 1838 with no money being paid or contracted to be paid. Mullins had recently left his work without his master's consent. Mullins was convicted of absconding from his contract and sentenced to 14 days hard labour in prison at Shepton Mallet and also to suffer corporal punishment by whipping.	1841/058
Bathe	Thomas	Thompson	Robert	07	08	1841	Theft of vegetables	T	Thomas Thompson, an excise officer, accused Robert Thompson, a labourer, of stealing onions from the garden of Thomas Bathe, a baker living in Back Lane. Thompson had been seen in Bathe's garden - which adjoined his own - on several occasions previously, and Bathe was certain that his vegetables and fruit had been taken at other times. Thompson was fined 5/-, plus the value of the onions (1d), as well as costs of 6/-. It appears that Thompson had either been unable or unwilling to pay these sums immediately, as required by the judgement, and he was therefore sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1841/059
Barnard	James	Allen	Edward	09	08	1841	Vagrancy	V	John White, a labourer employed by James Barnard, claimed that he was in Bull Lane where he saw Allen in the garden belonging to Barnard. As there was no path through the garden, Allen had no business there. He was known to White as a rogue and vagabond and it appears he had previous convictions for vagrancy. He was sentenced to 3 months in prison with hard labour at Shepton Mallet.	1841/060
Gardiner	William	Dix	James	09	08	1841	Assault	A	Gardiner, a painter living in the In Parish of St Cuthbert, alleged that Dix, a carpenter, had struck him in the face. The incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. The case was withdrawn before the hearing.	1841/061

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Gardiner	Charles	Dix	James	09	08	1841	Assault	A	Gardiner, a painter living in the In Parish of St Cuthbert and the brother of William Gardiner, had been drinking at the Ring of Bells Inn in the In Parish of St Cuthbert with his brothers and several others. When it came to paying for their drinks, Dix, a carpenter, had been collecting the money and it appeared that some dispute had arisen between the Gardiners and Dix as to who had or had not paid and whether or not Dix had pocketed three pence. Dix had then supposedly hit Charles Gardiner in the mouth (see also 1841/061). The case was dismissed with each party required to pay his own costs. Witnesses, all described as painters, were William Hiscox of Darshill, William Farrow and Edmund Wilkins.	1841/062
Gardiner	William	Archard	Joseph	09	08	1841	Assault	A	Gardiner, a painter, claimed that Archard, a carpenter, had tried to provoke him into a fight by adopting a threatening attitude and pushing his fists into Gardiner's face. There are differing accounts of the incident from witnesses, but the magistrates dismissed the case and ordered each party to pay his own costs. See also 1841/061 and 1841/062 Witnesses were: Ann Smith, wife of James Smith, and James Dudderidge, plaisterer.	1841/063
Thorley	Robert	Chamberlain jnr	William	09	08	1841	Desertion of family	Ds	Thorley was the relieving officer for Wells Union. Chamberlain had apparently deserted his wife and 5 children in Bath but they had been returned to Wells and had become chargeable to the In Parish of St Cuthbert. Chamberlain had then recently surrendered to the police. Thorley's assessment was that Chamberlain was well capable of supporting his family by working, but had apparently chosen not to do so. He therefore charged Chamberlain with being a rogue and a vagabond. Chamberlain was committed to prison at Shepton Mallet for one calendar month.	1841/064

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Curtis	John	Appleby Langley	Mary Ann Elizabeth	11	08	1841	Theft of money	T	Curtis was a labourer from Frome who arrived in Wells by coach from Bristol. He claimed that, at that point, he had 3 sovereigns, 2 half sovereigns and one shilling, as well as some coppers. He had a drink and walked to Dulcote, meeting the two defendants en route. They all went to the White Hare at Dulcote and appeared to have had quite a lot to drink. Curtis set out to walk back to Wells, the two girls overtook him and he was joined for a short distance by two men. He was then seen by a young girl, Sarah Johnson, lying in a field near Wells with the two girls kneeling beside him.. Curtis was then picked up by the police from the same field - but had no money and his trouser pocket had been ripped. Curtis could not remember what happened to the two men that had joined him but was confident that he still had his money at that point. The two girls were arrested and searched, but they had no money other a small amount in coppers. They claimed no knowledge of what happened to Curtis' money. The case against them was dismissed.	1841/065
Dudderidge	George Webb	Brown	John	20	08	1841	Drunkenness	D	PC Dudderidge found Brown in Bell Close where he was fighting with John Moore. Dudderidge attempted to part them, but Brown resisted strongly. Dudderidge almost had to carry him back to the police station to put him in custody as Brown was so violent and so drunk. Brown was fined 5/- with costs of 3/6d to be deducted; the fine was recorded as paid.	1841/066

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Thorley	Robert	Young	James	26	08	1841	Desertion of family	Ds	Thorley was the relieving officer for Wells Union. Young had been absent from Wells for more than 2 years and had long ago abandoned his wife and three children who had been chargeable to the In Parish of St Cuthbert for some time. He admitted that he had already been convicted twice for the same offence and had spent one month and then three months in prison at Shepton Mallet. Thorley argued that Young was capable of supporting his family by work or other means, but appeared unwilling to do so. Young was convicted and sentenced to three months in gaol with hard labour at Shepton Mallet.	1841/067
Sage	Samuel	Judd Adams	Benjamin William	30	08	1841	Sureties for the peace	Su	Judd and Adams, both labourers, were summoned to show why they should not be required to provide sureties as to their future conduct, particularly with respect to Sage. The case was dismissed.	1841/068
Cole	Harriet	Wilkins	James	06	09	1841	Theft	T	Harriet Cole, a widow, claimed that Wilkins, a pork butcher, had £5 of her money and was refusing to give it back to her. Wilkins was summoned to explain his actions. The case was dismissed.	1841/069
Dudderidge	George Webb	Church	Thomas	06	09	1841	Obstructing a police officer in the course of his duty	Op	PC Dudderidge found Church to be drunk in High Street, swearing loudly and challenging anyone to a fight. Dudderidge persuaded him to move on, but found that Church was creating another disturbance at the top of Sadler Street and had drawn a large crowd. Dudderidge then arrested Church who struggled violently for some time before Mr Hudson, a surgeon, came to the assistance of Dudderidge. Dudderidge noted that he had arrested Church twice before for the same offence. Church was fined 10/- with costs of 7/6d or in default of payment to serve 14 days in prison with hard labour. According to an official return Church did not pay the fine imposed and was therefore committed to prison.	1841/070

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Talbot	Robert	Huish	George	06	09	1841	Charging toll on an exempt vehicle	Ut	Talbot was a stone cutter from Street who was transporting stone to Wells in order to repair a roadway. He claimed that he was taking the stone in a number of separate carts each drawn by one horse and that the wheels of his carts were within the acceptable limits for the vehicles to be exempt from tolls. Despite that, Huish, the toll gate keeper, had insisted on charging a toll of four and a half pennies for a horse and cart driven by Edwin Talbot. The case was dismissed since the complainant was unable to prove that the gauge of the wheels was sufficient to qualify as an exempt vehicle. The complainant was to pay costs of 1/-.	1841/071a
Lane	Susan	Crandon	William	09	09	1841	Petty trespass	Pt	Susan Lane was the wife of Charles Lane, tailor, of the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. She claimed that Crandon, a labourer, had come into her house and wilfully damaged one pane of glass (value 1/8d), one pitcher (value 8d) and a mop (value 6d). Crandon was found guilty and fined 2/10d with costs of 10/-, or, in default of immediate payment, to serve one calendar month in prison with hard labour. The fine was recorded as paid.	1841/071b
Mills	Ann	Smith	James	13	09	1841	Begging from door to door	V	Ann Mills was a spinster living with her father in Southover. She heard someone go down the passage next to her house and found Smith entering the bakehouse. He pleaded for relief because he had not had food all day and was given some bread. He was also seen to be begging at other houses in Southover. Smith was convicted as an idle and disorderly person and sentenced to one calendar month in prison with hard labour.	1841/072

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Derham	John	Fry	Francis	14	09	1841	Evasion of toll	N	Derham was the renter of tolls at the Dulcote gate. He alleged that Fry, a publican and licensed victualler, had driven across fields that were private property (but not belonging to Fry) in order to avoid passing through the toll gate. Fry had evidently claimed that he had permission from the landowner to do this, a view contradicted by a letter from the landowner (and magistrate), Mr W C Berryman. The case was adjourned to a later hearing.	1841/073
Kitchen	Katherine	Parsons Francis	James James	15	09	1874	Rescuing a horse being held under a distress order	Op	It appears that Parsons, a labourer, and Francis, a labourer from Coxley in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, had caused some damage to a piece of land called Rowlands Close owned by Katherine Kitchen. She had evidently secured a distress order to remove their assets in lieu of payment for the damage caused. Under this distress order, her servant, Samuel Maundrell, had seized a horse. However, Parsons and Francis had violently taken back the horse from Maundrell, thus obstructing the course of law. The case was settled without a hearing.	1841/074
Tucker	Ann	Tilley	Eliza	20	09	1841	Assault	A	Ann Tucker, a spinster, claimed that she had been assaulted by Eliza Tilley, a single woman, who had knocked her down and ripped her bonnet off. Tilley admitted the charge and was fined 5/- with costs of 10/6d or, if in default, to serve 14 days in prison.	1841/075
North	William	Crandon	William	20	09	1841	Assault	A	North, a labourer, claimed that Crandon, also a labourer, had thrown a potato at him which struck him a violent blow on the head. The alleged incident took place in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. The case was adjourned until a later meeting.	1841/076
White	Thomas	White	William	21	09	1841	Assault	A	Thomas White, butcher, complained that William White, a labourer, had thrown a piece of iron at him and threatened to run him through with a spit. The alleged incident took place in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. The case was settled without a hearing.	1841/077

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Baller	Richard Clarke	Newport Willey	Ann Eliza	23	09	1841	Petty trespass	Pt	Baller was the master of Wells Union workhouse. The two girl defendants were both pauper inmates aged about 18. They were both accused of damaging property of the workhouse, in this case a door (or possibly one door each) by cutting into it with a knife. The estimated damage was 5/- in Willey's case, 6/- in Newport's. Both girls were fined 5/- with costs of 7/6d and, if they were unable to pay these sums immediately, then one month in prison with hard labour for Newport, 2 months with hard labour for Willey. The longer sentence was in recognition of the fact that Willey had already served one term in prison and had been disciplined in the workhouse for her misbehaviour on a number of occasions. Neither defendant was willing or able to pay the fine and, according to an official list of fines and penalties, both were committed to prison.	1841/078
Dudderidge	George Webb	Moore	Elizabeth	05	10	1841	Idle & disorderly person	V	PC Dudderidge was in High Street when he saw the defendant with a small child begging for alms at the door of Mr Berryman. Dudderidge ordered her away but he saw her a quarter of an hour later begging for alms at a different door. Dudderidge noted that Moore had been arrested before on the same charge and had spent one month in the House of Correction at Shepton Mallet in 1840. The magistrates convicted Moore of vagrancy as an idle and disorderly person and sentenced her to one calendar month in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1841/079
Loxton	Sarah	Loxton	Samuel	05	10	1841	Assault	A	Sarah Loxton complained that her husband, Samuel, a shoemaker, had assaulted her, striking her a number of times with his fists on her head, face and body. They lived in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. The case was settled without a hearing.	1841/080

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Derham	John	Pike	William	12	10	1841	Evasion of toll	N	Derham, a renter of tolls, claimed that Pike, a labourer residing in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, had deliberately evaded paying the toll for a horse and cart at the Southover Gate. The case was settled without a hearing.	1841/081
Hewlett	Elizabeth	Oxley jnr	Matthew	13	10	1841	Assault	A	Elizabeth Hewlett, a single woman, complained that she had been struck a violent blow over the eyes by Oxley, a labourer. The case was settled without a hearing.	1841/082
Goodfellow	Charles	Boyce	William	14	10	1841	Failure to complete work	Nc	Goodfellow, a coachmaker, complained that he had entered into an agreement with Boyce, also a coachmaker, that he, Boyce, would work as an artificer on a week to week basis to complete a specific contract. According to Goodfellow, Boyce had left his employ before completing the agreed work which was left in an unfinished state.	1841/083
Parsons	William	Ball	Zachariah	14	10	1841	Failure to complete work	Nc	Parsons, a tailor, complained that he had entered into an agreement with Ball, also a tailor, that he, Ball, would work as an artificer until 12 October to complete a specific contract. According to Parsons, Ball had left his employ before completing the agreed work which was left in an unfinished state. Ball was convicted and sent to prison in Shepton Mallet for 21 days.	1841/084
Tucker	Ann	Lilly	Eliza	23	10	1841	Assault	A	Ann Tucker complained that she had been assaulted by Eliza Lilly, who was found guilty and fined 3/-. It appears that she was unable or unwilling to pay the fine and was therefore committed to prison. There is no case documentation; the information is derived from an official list of fines and penalties covering the period from April 1841 to December 1842 (see 1842/144).	1841/084a
Collins	Henry	Jessett	Henry	28	10	1841	Retention of coat and handkerchief	T	Jessett, a dyer, was summoned to answer the charge that he was retaining a coat to the value of 10/- and a handkerchief to the value of 6d, both belonging to Collins, a bailiff.	1841/085a

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Buck	Abraham	Mogford	Jane	28	10	1841	Hawking on a market day	Um	PC Buck accused Jane Mogford, wife of Thomas Mogford, labourer, of exposing for sale vegetables, fruit and other commodities; this was done on a market day and in Sadler Street which was not a location licensed for market activity (but did mean that the vendor was not paying a market toll). The case was dismissed. Note: case header document shows plaintiff as Robert Perry but his name is not mentioned on the summons.	1841/085b
Perry	Robert			30	10	1841	Non-payment of market toll	N	This is simply a partly completed summons for non-payment of market toll where the date and name of defendant have not been entered.	1841/085c
Baller	Richard Clarke	York	Francis	03	11	1841	Leaving wife chargeable to parish	Ds	Baller was master of Wells Union workhouse. He alleged that York had absconded from his home at Chewton Mendip, leaving his wife, Rebecca, chargeable to the parish. York's wife had been taken into the workhouse at Wells Union and was being maintained there at the cost of the parish of Chewton Mendip. Baller requested a warrant be issued for the arrest of York.	1841/086
Weaver	George	Duddrill	James	05	11	1841	Assault	A	George Weaver, a shoemaker of London, complained that Duddrill, a shoemaker of Shepton Mallet, had assaulted his wife, Fanny, and struck her a blow in the chest. Duddrill pleaded guilty and was fined 1/- with costs of 7/6d.	1841/087
Dudderidge	George Webb	Phipps	Thomas	06	11	1841	Breach of the peace	Dp	PC Dudderidge and several other constables had gone to the Market Place to put out the celebratory bonfire. Phipps tried to intervene and prevent them putting out the fire. He grabbed PC Dudderidge's thumb and twisted it causing it to be strained. He also abused the constables as they were putting out the fire and was rude to several gentlemen of the town. Phipps was taken into custody and required to put forward sureties as to his conduct over the coming 12 months, namely a bond of £20 from himself and two other bonds of £10 each.	1841/088

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Weeks	George Milton	Murrow	John	08	11	1841	Failure to complete work	Nc	Weeks, a tailor, claimed that Murrow had agreed to work for him as a tailor, but had left his employ without consent, leaving his work in an unfinished state.	1841/089
Miller	George Layng	George	Richard	08	11	1841	Dumping rubbish or stone on road	E	Miller, the surveyor of turnpike roads, accused George, a builder, of dumping stone or rubbish in Water Lane.	1841/090
Judd	George	Davis	John	10	11	1841	Assault	A	Judd, a blacksmith, complained that Davis, also a blacksmith, had assaulted him and struck him a violent blow in the face. The incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. James Tucker, a gamekeeper, was also to be called as a witness. Davis was fined 6d with costs of 7/6d; the fine was recorded as paid.	1841/091
Fidler	Martha	Davis	John	10	11	1841	Petty trespass	Pt	Martha Fidler was the wife of John Fidler, a labourer living in Grove Lane. Their house shared a passage way with that of Davis. While Martha Fidler was cleaning the house, she left various items in a bucket outside in the passage; these included saucepan, glass, candlestick and jug. She saw Davis pick up the bucket and throw the items into the street, damaging them beyond repair. The value of the items was said to be more than 5/-. The case was said to be settled.	1841/092a
Perry	Robert	Warman	Charlotte	15	11	1841	Refusal to pay market toll	N	Perry was the collector of tolls, rents and stallage for market trading. He claimed that Charlotte Warman, wife of William Warman, poulterer, had refused to pay the stallage charge of 6d for renting a stall in Market Place on market day.	1841/092b
[Justices]		Various		15	11	1841	Minutes of meeting of justices	*	Notes (largely illegible) of various cases, most of which are dealt with separately in these records.	1841/092c
Perry	Robert	Hopkins	James	15	11	1841	Obstructing footpath	O	Perry, a shopkeeper, complained that Hopkins, described as a broker, had set out various articles for sale on the footpath in High Street causing an obstruction to pedestrians. Hopkins admitted the offence and was fined 2/6d.	1841/093a

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Dudderidge	George Webb	Cox Cox	Sarah Thomas	20	11	1841	Hawking without paying market toll	Um	PC Dudderidge saw Sarah Cox, a widow, and Thomas Cox, labourer, hawking pork from door to door, as opposed to selling it in the market or Market Place and paying the requisite market toll.	1841/093b
Perry	Robert	Syms	Samuel	22	11	1841	Obstructing footpath	O	Perry, a shopkeeper, claimed that Syms, also a shopkeeper, had put various articles for sale outside his (Syms') shop in High Street and caused an obstruction on the pavement. PC Buck had tackled Syms about the chimney pots outside his shop and agreed that they were causing an obstruction. The case was dismissed.	1841/094
Dudderidge	George Webb	Brailey	John	29	11	1841	Breach of the peace	O	PC Dudderidge found Brailey, a corporal in the Royal Marines, outside the City Arms, early in the morning, shaking the gates and making a considerable noise. Brailey claimed to be billeted in the City Arms but the people running it had obviously gone to bed. Dudderidge considered Brailey to be in liquor and eventually took him into custody. Charles Hayes, a serjeant in the Royal Marines - and Brailey's superior officer, claimed that Brailey was of good character and had not been drunk when he left him in the kitchen of the Three Kings Inn about an hour before Dudderidge saw him. Brailey was discharged on payment of the costs of the case.	1841/095

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Buck Dudderidge	Abraham George Webb	Scott Scott	Andrew Walter Sarah	29	11	1841	Theft	T	PC Buck had seen Sarah Scott coming out of the Mitre Inn in Sadler Street and accused her of being a pickpocket. He then heard that she had been offering a muff for sale. He believed it to be stolen and went to her lodgings in East Wells where he found the muff. PC Dudderidge had been watching Andrew Walter Scott and his wife loitering suspiciously in the streets for long periods of time but had not specific evidence of a crime. Both police constables were convinced that the couple had no lawful means of maintaining a livelihood. The outcome of the case is not evident, but there is a note to the effect that Ann Gregory was discharged; the connection with the remainder of the case is not clear.	1841/096a
Perry	Robert	Binning	George	03	12	1841	Vending fish without paying a market toll	Um	Perry, collector of market tolls, complained that Binning, a labourer from Mark, had been attempting to sell fish from door to door in Wells, rather than selling it in the market or Market Place, thus avoiding paying the appropriate market toll. The case was settled without a hearing.	1841/096b
Dudderidge	George Webb	Bale	Michael	04	12	1841	Theft of potatoes	T	PC Dudderidge stopped Bale, a labourer, in High Street on suspicion of having stolen property in his possession and found a quantity of potatoes in the pocket of a greatcoat that Bale was carrying on his shoulders. Bale was remanded in custody to allow Dudderidge to collect evidence as to the source of the potatoes, and was then sent for trial at the next quarter sessions.	1841/097a
Perry	Robert	Cox	Susan	09	12	1841	Non-payment of market rent	N	Perry, collector of market tolls, accused Susan Cox, widow, of not paying for the stallage that she had rented on 27 November and 4 December. The amount outstanding was 6/-.	1841/097b
Dudderidge	George Webb	Francis	James	13	12	1841	Selling mutton without paying market toll	Um	PC Dudderidge charged Francis, a butcher, with attempting to sell mutton away from the market or Market Place, and thus avoiding the payment of the appropriate market toll.	1841/098a

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Buck	Abraham	Hawker	Joseph	13	12	1841	Selling meat outside his own house	Um	PC Buck charged Hawker with selling meat outside his house in High Street, rather than in a shop or in the market or Market Place, thus avoiding the appropriate market toll. Hawker had been attempting to sell beef, mutton and veal. Hawker admitted the offence and the case was dismissed on payment of the costs and a promise not to offend again.	1841/098b
Perry	Robert	Westlake	William	13	12	1841	Selling fish without paying market toll	Um	Perry, collector of market tolls, accused Westlake, described as a labourer from Mark, of selling fish from a cart rather than in the market or Market Place and thus avoiding the appropriate market toll. Thomas Humphries, a labourer, testified that he had seen Westlake and George Miles, a fishmonger in Wells, bargaining over the price of the fish and had alerted Perry to the situation. Westlake was fined 10/- with costs of 7/6d, but was given a week within which to pay. Westlake appears to have paid the fine imposed.	1841/098c
Westcott	George	Vowles	John	14	12	1841	Assault	A	Westcott, a labourer, complained that Vowles, a servant, had assaulted him and struck him several times about the head and face. The alleged incident occurred in the In Parish of St Cuthbert.	1841/099
Brown	Joseph	Gould Chapman	Abraham Matthew	16	12	1841	Assault	A	Brown, a labourer from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, alleged that he had been assaulted by Gould, a labourer from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, and Chapman, a labourer. He claimed that he had been struck several times on the head and body. The alleged incident took place in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert.	1841/100
Buck	Abraham	Vincent	William	18	12	1841	Theft pf poles	T	PC Buck arrested Vincent who was offering 4 poles for sale. Buck did not believe that Vincent had obtained these items lawfully but had not sufficient evidence to prove this. Vincent was remanded in custody until 20 December.	1841/101

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Parsons	William	Chamberlain	William	20	12	1841	Assault	A	Parsons, a tailor, complained that Chamberlain, one of his employees, had come into his kitchen and been very abusive. Chamberlain refused to leave until he had his money. Parsons tried to put him out of the room but Chamberlain resisted and scratched Parsons in the face with his nails. Chamberlain was fined 1/- with costs of 4/6d to be paid immediately, or to serve 14 days in gaol. The fine was recorded as paid.	1841/102
Perry	Robert	Francis	James	27	12	1841	Selling meat without paying market toll	Um	Perry was collector of tolls, rents and stallage for the market. He saw Francis selling meat from door to door near the weighbridge in High Street. It was a market day and Francis should have been selling his produce in the market or Market Place. The case was dismissed with the defendant promising to pay the appropriate tolls and the costs.	1841/103a
Perry	Robert	Mogford	Jane	27	12	1841	Non-payment of market rent	N	Perry, collector of market tolls, complained that Jane Mogford had agreed to take a market stall for her fruit and vegetables for a year. Commencing in October, the rent was 1/- per week. Initially, Perry had received the rent from Jane Mogford or her husband, but from mid-November onwards she had refused to pay. A summons was issued to Thomas Mogford, Jane's husband, to pay the amount of 5/- said to be outstanding.	1841/103b

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Perry	Robert	[Various]		27	12	1841	Non-payment of tolls, rents, stallage	N	Appears to be a list, probably prepared by Robert Perry, of fines and costs levied on traders for failing to pay the necessary toll, rent or stallage for selling their wares in the streets / markets of Wells. List includes: Thomas Mogford for an assault, fined 5/-, costs 5/- William Lawrence for rent of butcher's stall, 3/- paid Mary Ann Millard for rent of butcher's stall, 3/- paid George Adams of Coxley, for hawking meat, fined 5/-, costs 5/-, paid Joseph Hawker for exposing veal, fined £1, costs deducted Mary Ann Millard for hawking meat in Vicars Close and East Wells Sarah Grandfield of Wedmore, toll for hides and skins, 1/6d paid Some of these entries relate to events in January 1842	1841/104
Hardwich	Elizabeth	Dix Rawlings Corbett Hicks	James Michael Isaiah Harry	29	12	1841	Petty trespass	Pt	Elizabeth Hardwich, a single woman, claimed that the four defendants had come to her house at around 3.00am and banged loudly on the door. She had refused to open it since she was alone in the house, except for her sister. Dix then supposedly prised open a shutter, cracking the casement, while Rawlings burst open the door, tearing out the staple. Elizabeth Hardwich had stayed behind the door and pushed it back to prevent their entry. She claimed the value of the damage was around 6d, but then failed to appear at the hearing, so the case was dismissed. Dix was described as a carpenter, Rawlings a veterinary surgeon, Corbett a butcher and Hicks a labourer from Walcombe in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert.	1841/105

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Parsons	Joseph	Hopkins	William	30	12	1841	Petty trespass	Pt	Henry Badman, a servant working for Joseph Parsons, brush manufacturer, testified that he left two trusses of straw on two trucks near Parsons' waggon house in Lawpool Lane. He then saw Hopkins, a labourer, come out of a nearby house and tip the trucks and the trusses of straw into the watercourses. The straw - with a value of approximately 2/- - was ruined. Hopkins was convicted of the offence and fined 2/- with costs of 7/6d, or, if in default, one calendar month in prison with hard labour. The fine and costs were apparently paid in full.	1841/106
Clements	Elizabeth	Bennett	Elizabeth	31	12	1841	Assault	A	Elizabeth, wife of William Clement, a labourer, complained that Elizabeth, wife of Pharaoh Bennett, also a labourer, had struck her a violent blow in the chest. The alleged incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. The case was settled without a hearing.	1841/107
[Justices]		[Various]		31	12	1841	List of costs / charges	*	Most of the entries relate to cases in 1841, but others seem to refer to 1842. Certain entries seem to match the cases noted in 1841/104	1841/108
Perry	Robert	Hawker	Joseph	31	12	1841	Selling meat without paying market toll	Um	Most of the documents in this case are incomplete and do not appear to relate to a specific case. Those which do refer to Joseph Hawker seem to link back to case 1841/098b. The date is assigned as 31 December 1841 so that the record can be appropriately sorted.	1841/109

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Savage	William	Court	James	01	01	1842	Petty trespass	Pt	Court, a labourer of Berill [Beryl, East Wells], was accused of deliberately damaging a wheelbarrow belonging to Savage, a labourer living in East Wells. Court had been in the process of taking the wheelbarrow from Savage's garden when he was discovered. At that point he threw the barrow down the steps and broke it. Witness testimony was given by Elizabeth Millard, a widow. Court was fined 2/6d for the damage and ordered to pay costs of 8/-; the fine was recorded as paid.	1842/001a
[Justices]		Hawker	Joseph	01	01	1842	Selling meat away from market or Market Place	Um	Hawker, a butcher, was charged with exposing meat for sale in a location that was not a market or in the Market Place. He had not paid the appropriate market toll. Many parts of the standard form were not completed, so it is uncertain if charges were actually brought against Hawker. According to an official return listing fines and penalties Hawker was fined £1, including costs of 10/-. Hawker appears to have paid the sums involved.	1842/001b
Dudderidge	George Webb	Humphrey	James	03	01	1842	Drunkenness	D	PC Dudderidge charged Humphrey with being drunk in the Mermaid Inn where he was found quarrelling with the landlord, [William] Boyce. Dudderidge initially told Humphrey to go home, but eventually took him into custody. Humphreys was found guilty of drunkenness and fined 5/-; the fine was recorded as paid..	1842/002
Baller	Richard Clarke	Thyer	George	21	01	1842	Absconding from workhouse with clothes	T	Baller was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Thyer was a pauper inmate chargeable to the parish of Street. He had absconded during the night wearing clothes belonging to the workhouse and which he had supposedly later sold in Maidenhead. The items of clothing comprised new smock frock (worth 4/-), pair of new trousers (4/-), shirt (1/3d), pair of stockings (9d), neckerchief (6d). Thyer was committed to prison.	1842/003

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Maier	John	Judd	Benjamin	24	01	1842	Petty trespass	Pt	Maier was the landlord of the Coach & Horses in East Wells. Judd entered the inn late in the evening, already drunk, and was refused a drink by the landlord. Judd refused to leave the premises when asked. He fought with Thomas Francis and attacked Maier, ruining the latter's coat which Maier claimed was worth at least 25/-.	1842/004
Hayes	Charles	Farrow	Rebecca	27	01	1842	Refusal of billet to serviceman	Qu	Farrow, a publican, refused a billet issued by the High Constable of Wells quartering a soldier at her house, specifically Charles Hayes, a serjeant in the Royal Marines.	1842/005
Goodfellow	Charles	Hemesbury	Edward	28	01	1842	Leaving work in an unfinished state	Nc	Hemesbury, a coachmaker, was contracted to Goodfellow, also a coachmaker, as an artificer on a week to week basis. However, Hemesbury had left Goodfellow's employ, without agreement, before the expiry of the term of his contract. The magistrates ruled that Hemesbury should return to work and complete his contract.	1842/006
Hayden	Sarah	Hayden	Stephen	30	01	1842	Sureties for the peace	Su	Sarah Hayden complained about abusive and threatening language. Stephen Hayden was bound over to keep the peace in the sum of £20 for a period of 12 months. Elizabeth Roberts was listed as an additional witness.	1842/007
Dudderidge	George Webb	Hayden	Stephen	31	01	1842	Drunkenness	D	PC Dudderidge charged Hayden with drunkenness. Hayden was found guilty and fined 5/-; the fine was recorded as paid. There are no case documents. The information has been obtained from an official return listing fines and penalties where some or all of the fine was payable to the churchwardens of St Cuthberts (see 1842/145).	1842/007a
Somers	Samuel	Foster	George	31	01	1842	Drunkenness	D	PC Dudderidge charged Foster with drunkenness. Foster was found guilty and fined 5/-; the fine was recorded as paid. There are no case documents. The information has been obtained from an official return listing fines and penalties where some or all of the fine was payable to the churchwardens of St Cuthberts (see 1842/145).	1842/007b

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Brookes	Robert	Foster Somers	Gabriel Joseph	03	02	1842	Theft of lead	T	Brookes, described as a gentleman, complained that lead to the value of around 10/- had been stolen from his house in Keward. He had information that Foster and Somers may have been responsible for the theft and asked for a warrant to search their premises. PC Buck apprehended Foster and, after a period on remand while evidence was gathered, Foster was committed for trial at a higher court.	1842/008
Perry	Robert	Mogford	Thomas	10	02	1842	Assault	A	Perry, collector of market tolls, claimed that he had been assaulted by Mogford. George Parker was a witness for the plaintiff while Henry Judd was to be a witness for the defence. Mogford was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/6d; the fine was recorded as paid.	1842/009a
Perry	Robert	Hawker	Joseph	11	02	1842	Contravention of rules for displaying meat for sale	Um	Hawker, a butcher, was charged with exposing meat for sale in a location that was not a market or in the Market Place; meat was exposed outside his dwelling house in High Street. He had not paid the appropriate market toll. Hawker was fined 2/6d with costs of 5/-.	1842/009b
Brooks	Benjamin	Adams	George	11	02	1842	Contravention of rules for displaying meat for sale	Um	Brooks complained that Adams, a butcher from Coxley, had displayed for sale a quantity of pork without paying the applicable market toll.	1842/009c
Mogford	Thomas	Parker	George	14	02	1842	Assault	A	Mogford accused Parker of assault (Note: the two had been on opposite sides in case 1842/009a). Parker was fined 1/- with costs of 4/-; the fine was recorded as paid.	1842/010a
Perry	Robert	Adams	George	14	02	1842	Hawking meat	Um	Adams was caught selling meat from a basket to various people - but without paying the necessary market toll, as required by Perry as collector of market tolls. Adams was fined 5/- with costs of 5/-. The fine appears to have been paid.	1842/010b
Perry	Robert	Millard	Mary Ann	14	02	1842	Failure to pay toll due on market stall	N	Mary Ann Millard was discharged upon payment of the appropriate fee for a market stall (i.e. 3/-) plus costs.	1842/010c
Perry	Robert	Millard	Mary Ann	14	02	1842	Hawking	Um	Case was postponed until 7 March in order for witnesses to be produced. The case was then dismissed since proof of a previous order had by then been given.	1842/010d

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Perry	Robert	Lawrence	William	14	02	1842	Non-payment of toll	N	Perry, as collector of market tolls, claimed that Lawrence had failed to pay the necessary toll. Lawrence's obligation was discharged on payment of the due toll.	1842/010e
Perry	Robert	Grandfield	Sarah	14	02	1842	Non-payment of toll	N	Grandfield's obligation was discharged on payment of the due toll of 1/6d plus costs of 2/6d.	1842/010f
Harris	William	Loxton	Samuel	24	02	1842	Theft of road dirt	T	Harris, Surveyor of the Turnpike Roads, claimed that Loxton, a mason, had been removing property that did not belong to him, i.e. road dirt or drift, taken from the road known as East Wells. The case was settled without a hearing.	1842/011
[Justices]		[Various]		01	03	1842	List of fines and penalties	*	List of fines and penalties for the period 1st January 1839 to 1st March 1842. Official return.	1842/011a
[Justices]		[Various]		01	03	1842	List of fines and penalties	*	List of fines and penalties for the period 1st January 1839 to 30th September 1841. Official return. A; though the document claims to cover the period to 1st March 1842 there are no entries after September 1841 and document 1842/011c appears to cover the remaining period through to 1st March 1842.	1842/011b
[Justices]		[Various]		01	03	1842	List of fines and penalties for offences against the Market Act	*	List of fines and penalties for offences against the Market Act from December 1841 to March 1842. The three entries duplicate the final entries in document 1842/011a	1842/011c
Moon	William	Moon	John	03	03	1842	Assault	A	William Moon, a labourer, claimed that John Moon, also a labourer, had assaulted him and struck him several times about the head and body. The case was settled without a hearing. There is no indication of the relationship between the two men.	1842/012
Flood	Robert	Goodrich	Mr	07	03	1842	Assault	A	Flood claimed to have been assaulted by Goodrich, described as a gentleman, in the Market Place. The case was dismissed. Witnesses included: James Whalley, Benjamin Porter, George Hutchinson	1842/013a

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Buck	Abraham	Bowering	John	12	03	1842	Exposing goods for sale in inappropriate location	Um	Buck, collector of market tolls, accused Bowering of exposing a quantity of butter for sale on market day, but in a location not licensed for such sales; the presumption was that Bowering was seeking to avoid paying the market tolls.	1842/013b
Oxley	William	Weaver	Charles	15	03	1842	Assaulr	A	Oxley, a carpenter, complained that Weaver, a blacksmith and lodger in Oxley's house, had threatened him with his fists and also threatened to put a carpenter's plane through his skull. Weaver was fined 5/- with costs of 8/- or be imprisoned for one month; the fine was recorded as paid.	1842/014
Pole	George Gillard	Pearce	Elizabeth	16	03	1842	Assault	A	Pole, a dealer in earthenware, had gone to the Ring o' Bells beershop. He saw Eliza Pearce, wife of John Pearce, a labourer, in there and it appears that words were exchanged. In St Cuthbert Street, Pearce was seen to attack Pole by Henry Locke, a resident of that street. She was said to have scratched his face and hit him, the second blow causing several pieces of earthenware in his basket to fall into the road and break. Another witness, John Isgrove, claimed that Pole had kicked Pearce before she attempted to strike him.	1842/015
Baller	Richard Clarke	Willey	Elizabeth	18	03	1842	Petty trespass	Pt	Baller was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Willey was a pauper inmate around 18 years old. She broke 8 panes of glass valued at around 8 - 9 shillings. Having been sent to prison on two previous occasions for similar offences, she was fined 9/- with costs of 7/6d, and in the event of non-payment she was to be imprisoned at Shepton Mallet for a number of months (length of sentence left blank). According to an official list of fines and penalties Willey was unable to pay the fine and was committed to gaol.	1842/016

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Murphy	Timothy	Salmon Tucker	Selina Mary	26	03	1842	Theft	T	Murphy, a pig dealer from Bristol, claimed that Salmon had stolen a significant amount of money from his purse, believing him to be drunk. Salmon and Mary Tucker, together with Thomas West, had met Murphy en route to Wells from Glastonbury. They had gone drinking with Murphy and he had offered Salmon half a crown to go upstairs with him. After a period upstairs with Salmon and Tucker, Murphy claimed to have been robbed, although the two girls argued that he had said nothing to them about having money taken from him. The defendants were discharged.	1842/017
Jerrard	John	Fry	William	26	03	1842	Petty trespass	Pt	Jerrard claimed that Fry, a shoemaker and the son of Harry Fry, deliberately broke one pane of glass valued at 18 pence in Jerrard's house.	1842/018
Dudderidge	George Webb	Fry	George	27	03	1842	Drunkenness	D	PC Dudderidge arrested Fry for drunkenness and took him into custody. Fry was fined 5/- with costs in addition; the fine was recorded as paid.	1842/019
Dudderidge	George Webb	O'Brian	Thomas	29	03	1842	Rogue and vagabond	V	William John Slade Foster, gentleman, was approached by O'Brian begging for money. O'Brian claimed to be deaf and dumb. Foster gave him sixpence, and only learned later that O'Brian could both hear and talk. O'Brian was later apprehended for being drunk after 10.00 pm. O'Brian was found guilty of vagrancy and condemned as a rogue and vagabond.	1842/020
6th Regiment of Foot		[Justices]		30	03	1842	Administrative expenses	*	Letter from a lieutenant colonel in 6th Regiment of Foot based at the barracks in Canterbury. The letter requests Joseph Giles, a magistrate at Wells, to pay a marching allowance of 8d per day to Private William Stamp who needed money to be able to re-join his regiment after an extended furlough and had no other means of obtaining the necessary funds. The lieutenant colonel promised that the costs of supporting Private Stamp would be refunded as soon as the magistrates advised the regiment of the sum involved.	1842/021

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Lambert	William	Williams	James	05	04	1842	Assault	A	Lambert, a labourer, complained that Williams, also a labourer, had beaten him several times about the body with a stick. The complainant signed his statement as William Lampard. Neither party appeared at the hearing.	1842/022
Radnidge (aka Harper)	Charlotte	Goodfellow	Charles	07	04	1842	Assault	A	Radnidge, a single woman, claimed that she had been assaulted by Goodfellow, a coachmaker, who had struck her several times on the head, face and body. The case was settled without a hearing.	1842/023
North	William	Russell Badman	John William	07	04	1842	Assault	A	North claimed that he had gone to work on a property in High Street on the instruction of his master, Mr Barnes. When he got there, Russell, a carpenter, ordered him off the site and attempted to push North out, striking him in the process. Badman, a plaisterer and tiler, came to support Russell and also struck North. The two defendants were each fined 9d and were to jointly pay the costs of 8/6d. In the case of default, they would serve two weeks in prison; the fines were recorded as paid.	1842/024
Perkins	William	Creed	Solomon	09	04	1842	Theft of a dog	T	Perkins claimed that Creed, a yeoman from the parish of Baltonsborough, had stolen a dog belonging to him. The case was settled without a hearing.	1842/025
Judd	George	Millard	George	11	04	1842	Furious driving	Rd	Judd, described as a labourer, claimed that Millard, a labourer of West Horrington, was guilty of furious driving of a horse and cart in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. The case was settled without a hearing.	1842/026
Holwell	William	Chapple	James	13	04	1842	Assault	A	Holwell, a gentleman from Brook Green, Hammersmith, claimed that Chapple, a cordwainer, had assaulted him and struck him twice in the face. Chapple admitted the charge and was fined 20/- with costs of 7/6d or to serve one calendar month in prison; the fine was recorded as paid.	1842/027
Somers	Samuel	Green	Isaac	13	04	1842	Offence against licence	L	PC Somers charged Green with selling alcohol outside the legal licensing hours specified in the Beer Act. Somers had visited the beerhouse between 11.00am and 12.00am on a Sunday and it was open (official opening hour was 1.00pm). The case was dismissed.	1842/028

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Somers	Samuel	Fry	Francis	13	04	1842	Offence against licence	L	PC Somers charged Fry, the licensee of the Three Kings, with selling alcohol outside the legal licensing hours specified in the Alehouse Act. Somers had visited the alehouse at 11.25am on a Sunday and found that it was open for business. The case was dismissed.	1842/029
Somers	Samuel	Sheppard	William	13	04	1842	Offence against licence	L	PC Somers charged Sheppard with selling alcohol outside the legal licensing hours specified in the Beer Act. Somers had visited the beerhouse at 11.40pm and found that it was still open for business. The case was dismissed.	1842/030
Hardwich	Hester	Rich	Sarah	14	04	1842	Assault	A	Hardwich claimed that Rich had assaulted her and struck her a heavy blow on the head. The case was settled without a hearing.	1842/031
Harris	Joseph	Davis	John	15	04	1842	Assault	A	Harris, a carpenter, claimed that Davis, a blacksmith, had struck him several times in the body and face using his fists and a stick. The case was settled without a hearing.	1842/032
Melmoth	Luana	Fowles	William Henry	15	04	1842	Assault	A	Luana Melmoth, the wife of John Melmoth, a cabinet maker, had gone to Fowles' house on two occasions to discuss with him why he (a schoolmaster) had taken a water butt belonging to them. On the second occasion he suddenly assaulted her and pushed her out of the house and down the passageway, bruising her considerably. Fowles was fined 6d with costs of 8/- or to serve two weeks in prison; the fine was recorded as paid.	1842/033
Thorley	Robert	Nail Wood Spencer	Thomas George James	03	05	1842	Vagrancy	V	Thorley was the relieving officer for Wells Union and he stated that the three defendants had come to his house asking for relief. Spencer, who originally gave his name as Henry Allford, admitted that he had recently left the Frome Union without the consent of the master and that most of the clothes he was wearing had come from there. The costs relating to Spencer appear to have been 9/-, but it is not clear who would be required to pay.	1842/034

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Thorley	Robert	Chamberlain	William	03	05	1842	Desertion of wife and family	Ds	Thorley was the Wells Union relieving officer for the In Parish of St Cuthbert. Chamberlain had deserted his wife and 5 children and left them chargeable to the parish. A note on the case header indicates that relief was granted by means of a loan and the Overseers of the Poor had agreed not to proceed with the warrant against Chamberlain.	1842/035
[Justices]		Sawtell	Hebe	03	05	1842	Corn importation Act	Cd	Declaration of conformity to the Corn Importation Act by Sawtell of High Street.	1842/036
[Justices]		Bathe	Thomas	03	05	1842	Corn importation Act	Cd	Declaration of conformity to the Corn Importation Act by Bathe.	1842/037
Allen	Jane	Bowell	Edward	09	05	1842	Assault	A	Jane Allen, a widow, claimed that Bowell, a shoemaker, had assaulted her and hit her several times in the face. The case was dismissed.	1842/038
[Justices]		Kelway	John	16	05	1842	Appointment of Inspector of Weights & Measures	*	Kelway was appointed as Inspector of Weights and Measures for Wells by the magistrates (in this case Joseph Giles and Thomas Barnes).	1842/039
[Justices]		Berryman jnr	William	16	05	1842	Corn importation Act	Cd	Declaration of conformity to the Corn Importation Act by William Berryman the younger.	1842/040
Hayden	John	Lee	Thomas	17	05	1842	Sureties for the peace	Su	Hayden, a joiner from Wookey Hole, complained that Lee, a millwright living in Portway, had threatened him verbally with physical violence and had in the past assaulted him physically. He requested that Lee be required to put forward sureties with respect to his future conduct towards Hayden. The case was settled without a hearing.	1842/041
Short	Joseph	Norris	Eliza	19	05	1842	Assault	A	Short of Grove Lane claimed that his neighbours, Eliza Norris and her husband, William, a labourer, had been abusing him and his wife. They had come to his house and he had been threatened with a mallet and when they were leaving Eliza Norris threw stones at him which hit him on the head. Eliza Norris was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/6d or 1 month imprisonment if the sums were not paid immediately; the fine was recorded as paid.	1842/042

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Foxwell	Charles	Hockey	William	19	05	1842	Assault	A	Foxwell, the landlord of the Sherston Arms, accused Hockey of violent and drunken behaviour, including an assault upon himself. He claimed that this was at least the third time that Hockey had behaved in such a fashion. Foxwell was supported by the testimony of James Northam, a tailor. Hockey was fined 5/- (recorded as paid) with costs of 10/- and was made to put forward one surety of £50 himself with two others of £25 each to keep the peace for the next 12 months.	1842/043
Somers	Samuel	Dunbar	William	19	05	1842	Vagrancy	V	Testimony from Ann Harris at the Star Tap and from the chemists indicated that Dunbar was both drunk and abusive. He was also begging, although he had paid for his drink at the Star Tap. PC Somers was advised to check on Dunbar and found him in the Angel. Somers took him out of the Angel and, having determined that Dunbar was drunk, took him into custody. Somers found that Dunbar had a little more than 7/- on his person. Dunbar was fined 5/-, including costs, for being drunk; the fine was recorded as paid.	1842/044
Baker	Maria	Cox	George	20	05	1842	Non-payment of toll	N	Baker claimed that Cox, a pig jobber, had refused to pay the toll of 8d for a pen that he had occupied at the pig market. The case was settled without a hearing.	1842/045
[Justices]		Slade	John	20	05	1842	Corn importation Act	Cd	Declaration of conformity to the Corn Implementation Act by Slade.	1842/046
[Justices]		Kiddle	Samuel	23	05	1842	Corn importation Act	Cd	Declaration of conformity to the Corn Implementation Act by Kiddle, a miller from Coxley.	1842/047
[Justices]		Taylor	Charles	24	05	1842	Corn importation Act	Cd	Declaration of conformity to the Corn Implementation Act by Taylor, a maltster.	1842/048
[Justices]		Fry	Francis	25	05	1842	Corn importation Act	Cd	Declaration of conformity to the Corn Implementation Act by Fry.	1842/049
Willis	Thomas	Parker	Stephen	25	05	1842	Exposing goods for sale in inappropriate location	Um	PC Willis charged Parker with exposing butcher's meat, in particular, beef, for sale outside his dwelling house on a market day, i.e. in a location not licensed for market trading. Parker was fined 5/- including costs. The fine was recorded as being paid.	1842/050

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Martin	Thomas	Viner	James	28	05	1842	Non-payment of gas account	N	Martin, clerk to the Wells Gas Co, claimed that Viner, a labourer, had refused to pay the outstanding account of £1.13s.6d for gas used in his dwelling house in the Liberty of St Andrew.	1842/051
[Justices]		Berryman	Francis	28	05	1842	Corn importation Act	Cd	Declaration of conformity to the Corn Implementation Act by Berryman, a maltster and brewer.	1842/052
Martin	Thomas	Sims	Samuel	28	05	1842	Non-payment of gas account	N	Martin, clerk to the Wells Gas Co, claimed that Sims, a confectioner, had refused to pay the outstanding account of £1.2s.0d for gas used in his premises in High Street.	1842/053
[Justices]		Mead	Edward	31	05	1842	Corn importation Act	Cd	Declaration of conformity to the Corn Implementation Act by Mead.	1842/054
Harvey	Job	Howell	James	31	05	1842	Assault	A	Harvey, a carpenter, claimed that Howell, a labourer, had assaulted him and struck him several times about the face and body. The case was settled without a hearing.	1842/055
[Justices]		[Various]		31	05	1842	List of fines and penalties	*	List of fines and penalties payable to the Treasurer of Wells commencing from 1st March 1842. Most of the entries have been crossed out and the only remaining entry that appears to be valid relates to Stephen Parker (see 1842/050)	1842/055a
[Justices]		Rogers	Jacob	03	06	1842	Corn importation Act	Cd	Declaration of conformity to the Corn Implementation Act by Rogers.	1842/056
Andrews	George	Lewis	Charles	04	06	1842	Assault	A	Andrews, a farrier from Westbury, claimed that Lewis, an auctioneer, had assaulted him by removing his hat from his head. The case was settled without a hearing.	1842/057
Foxwell	Charles	Hutton	James	04	06	1842	Drunkness	D	Foxwell complained that Hutton had been drunk in a public place. Hutton was found guilty and fined 5/-; the fine was recorded as paid. There are no case documents. The information has been obtained from an official return listing fines and penalties where some or all of the fine was payable to the churchwardens of St Cuthberts (see 1842/145).	1842/057a

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Fry	John	Ball	George	06	06	1842	Assault	A	Fry, a yeoman from Worminster in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, complained that Ball, a yeoman from Shepton Mallet, had assaulted him and struck him several times in the face. The case was settled without a hearing.	1842/058
Dudderidge	George Webb	Binning	Charles	08	06	1842	Obstructing the footpath	O	PC Dudderidge charged Binning, a linen draper, with obstructing the footpath in the Market Place by placing goods for sale on it. The case was dismissed.	1842/059
Dudderidge	George Webb	Wills	Daniel	08	06	1842	Suspicion of theft	T	Dudderidge apprehended Wills early in the day and found in his possession a curry comb, a tap, 4 fowl's eggs and 4 fowls. He also located a bundle belonging to Wills at the White Hart; this contained several old pairs of shoes and boots, a pair of pattens and two dead guinea pigs. Dudderidge surmised these items to be stolen and asked for Wills to be remanded while he sought further evidence.	1842/060
Dudderidge	George Webb	Trood	Abel	08	06	1842	Obstructing the footpath	O	PC Dudderidge charged Trood, an ironmonger, with obstructing the footpath in Sadler Street by placing goods for sale on it. The case was dismissed.	1842/061
Buck	Abraham	Chasey	Thomas	11	06	1842	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Buck charged Chasey, described as a labourer from Glastonbury, with obstructing the highway in High Street by leaving a cart laden with straw parked there. Chasey admitted the offence and was discharged on payment of costs of 2/-.	1842/062
Buck	Abraham	Hall	James	11	06	1842	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Buck charged Hall, described as a labourer from Ashwick, with obstructing the highway in Water Lane by leaving a cart parked there. Hall admitted the offence and was discharged on payment of costs of 2/-.	1842/063
Buck	Abraham	Francis	William	11	06	1842	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Buck charged Francis, described as a labourer from Coxley, with obstructing the highway in Water Lane by leaving a cart standing there. Francis admitted the offence and was discharged on payment of costs of 2/-.	1842/064

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Somers	Samuel	Judd	Philip	11	06	1842	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Somers charged Judd, a labourer, with obstructing the highway in Southover by leaving two carts laden with coal standing there. Judd admitted the offence and was discharged on payment of costs of 2/-.	1842/065
Parker	George	Andrews	John	17	06	1842	Assault	A	Parker, a publican, complained that Andrews, a chimney sweep, had pushed him violently. The case was settled without a hearing.	1842/066
Buck	Abraham	Willmott	John	18	06	1842	Obstructing the footpath	O	PC Buck charged Willmott, a linen draper, with obstructing the footpath in the Market Place by placing on it goods for sale. PC Willis stated that there was insufficient room for passers by. John Brookes, Willmott's shop boy, measured the area occupied by the goods and the distances to the edge of the pavement and claimed there was enough space for 4 people to walk abreast past the shop. The case was dismissed.	1842/067
Kitching	Katherine	Brookman Westcott	William ???	21	06	1842	Theft of apples	T	Brookman and Westcott appear to have pleaded guilty to stealing apples from an enclosed garden belonging to Katherine Kitching. The case documents consist only of rough notes, so all information is subject to question. The date assigned in this record simply reflects the position of the document in the bundle relative to the other documents; there is no date in the original documentation.	1842/068
Burridge	Jane	Bryant	Frederick	21	06	1842	Assault	A	Jane Burridge, a single woman, claimed that Bryant, a carpenter, had assaulted her by kicking her violently in the back. The case was dismissed.	1842/069
Sweet	Ann	Salmon	Selina	27	06	1842	Assault	A	Ann Sweet, a single woman, claimed that Selina Salmon had struck her a blow in the face. Salmon was convicted and fined 1/- with costs of 7/6d, or if in default, to serve 14 days in prison in Shepton Mallet; the fine was recorded as paid.	1842/070

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Buck	Abraham	Farnham	Robert	07	07	1842	Offence against licence	L	PC Buck charged Farnham with an offence against the Alehouse Act. When PC Somers visited the Mermaid Inn, where Farnham was the licensee, on a Sunday morning between the hours of 11.00 and 12.00, the house was open and there were some 25 - 30 people in there, several of whom were already drunk. Farnham was therefore charged with opening his premises outside permitted licensing hours and, notably, during the hours of divine service. Farnham was fined 40/- with costs of 8/-; the fine was recorded as paid.	1842/071
Buck	Abraham	Sweet	John	07	07	1842	Drunkenness	D	PC Buck charged Sweet, a labourer, with being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. Sweet was fined 5/-.	1842/072
Buck	Abraham	Sweet	Ann	07	07	1842	Drunkenness	D	PC Buck charged Ann Sweet, a single woman, with being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. Sweet was fined 5/-.	1842/073
Somers	Samuel	Sims	William	07	07	1842	Drunkenness	D	PC Somers charged Sims, a plaisterer, with being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. Sims was fined 5/-; the fine was recorded as paid.	1842/074
Somers	Samuel	Somers	Joseph	07	07	1842	Drunkenness	D	PC Somers charged Joseph Somers, a mason, with being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert's. Somers was fined 5/-; the fine was recorded as paid.	1842/075
Dix	Joseph	Wells Bennett Clements	Thomas John Charles	09	07	1842	Non-completion of contract	Nc	Dix, a builder, claimed that he had agreed with the 3 defendants that they would mine gravel for him from the pit at Southover at 4d per load. They had spent some time there and had received money from Dix for the work carried out and the work still to be done. However, they were now refusing to go back to the pit and complete the work that they had contracted to do.	1842/076

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Dudderidge	George Webb	White Crandon Norman	William William James	11	07	1842	Breach of the peace	Dp	PC Dudderidge charged the 3 defendants, White and Crandon being butchers and Norman a tailor, with causing a breach of the peace by pulling down a shutter from the house of Selina Salmon, forcing open the door to the house of William Mayger, trying to provoke James Hutton into a fight and causing a great noise to the terror of the neighbourhood. All three were required to pay 5/- costs and were bound over in their own recognizances of £20 each to keep the peace for 12 months.	1842/077
Dudderidge	George Webb	Bartlett Hall Bowell Edwards	John John Edwin William	11	07	1840	Gaming on a Sunday	G	PC Dudderidge came across a group of at least 8 people playing pitch and toss during divine service on a Sunday and furthermore playing with money, i.e.gambling. The game was taking place in Back Lane, opposite the church. Each defendant was fined 3/4d plus costs of 3/-; the fines were recorded as paid.	1842/078
Dudderidge	George Webb	Sweet	John	21	07	1842	Drunkenness	D	PC Dudderidge charged Sweet, a labourer, with being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. Sweet admitted the offence, was reprimanded and required to pay costs of 1/6d. According to an official return listing fines and penalties where some or all of the fine was payable to the churchwardens of St Cuthberts, Sweet was fined 5/- and paid the said fine (see 1842/145). In addition, according to the same return, Sweet's wife, Ann, was also found guilty of drunkenness and fined 5/-, a sum which was also paid (again see 1842/145).	1842/079
Willis	Thomas	Badman	William	21	07	1842	Drunkenness	D	PC Willis charged Badman, a plaisterer, with being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. Badman admitted the offence and was convicted with costs to be deducted from the fine when it was determined. Badman was fined 5/-; the fine was recorded as paid.	1842/080

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Dudderidge	George Webb	Charles	William	22	07	1842	Obstructing the footpath	O	PC Dudderidge charged Charles, a sadler, with obstructing the footpath in High Street by displaying his merchandise on it. The case was dismissed on Charles paying the costs of 1/6d.	1842/081
Brine	Hannah	Coleman	Mark	22	07	1842	Assault	A	There appears to have been a dispute between Hannah Brine and Coleman about a garden path in the course of which Coleman was alleged to have struck Hannah Brine. Coleman was convicted and fined 10/- with costs of 7/6d; the fine was recorded as paid.	1842/082a
Perry	Robert	Freestone	George	22	07	1842	Unlicensed market place	Um	Freestone from Shepton Mallet was attempting to sell fish away from the Market Place on a market day and had not paid the appropriate market toll. The case was described as settled.	1842/082b
Spring	Robert	Parrott	Henry	25	07	1842	Drunkenness	D	Spring, a tailor, complained that Parrott, also a tailor, was drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. Parrott admitted the offence, was convicted and fined 5/-, including costs; the fine was recorded as paid.	1842/083
Murrow	Anne	Collins	Henry	27	07	1842	Assault	A	Ann Murrow, a single woman, complained that Collins had come to her house in Southover and asked for her mother, saying that her mother owed him money. Ann Murrow had found his attitude threatening and took the poker from the fireplace to defend herself. Collins caught her and supposedly wrestled her around the kitchen before striking her a blow in the stomach that knocked her down. He then allegedly threatened to knock her brains out with the poker. Witness testimony was provided by Eliza Beard who had been in the back kitchen and saw the events, Eliza Allen and James Everdell. Collins was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/6d; the fine was recorded as paid.	1842/084
Priest	William	Allen	George	28	07	1842	Theft from a garden	T	Edward Walker, a labourer, had been passing William Priest's garden when he saw Allen, also a labourer, in a plum tree, picking plums and putting them in his pocket. Allen's pockets appeared to be full and Walker estimated that he had picked half a peck. He shouted to Allen who then ran away.	1842/085

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Lacey	William	Lawrence	William	29	07	1842	Assault	A	Lacey, a labourer, who worked for Mr Rees the gardener, had stopped at George Heale's blacksmith shop and left his horse and cart in the road when he heard his horse being hit over the head with a stick as three men on horseback rode by. A boy picked up part of the stick and gave it to Lacey, but then Lawrence came up and tried to take the stick. A struggle ensued in which Lacey struck Lawrence and Lawrence hit Lacey several times over the head with the stick. Witness testimony came from George Heale and from Jane Vowles, wife of William Vowles, butcher. The case was noted as compromised, suggesting that the parties had settled out of court.	1842/086a
Dudderidge	George Webb	Warman	Charlotte	30	07	1842	Unlicensed market place	Um	PC Dudderidge charged Charlotte, wife of William Warman, with selling produce, in this instance duck, on a market day but not in the market or Market Place. The case was dismissed on the defendant paying the costs of the case.	1842/086b
Buck	Abraham	Cardwell	Joseph	01	08	1842	Theft of lead	T	PC Buck noted that he had received information from Charles Lockyer that he had recently bought lead from Joseph Cardwell. In addition, he had information from John Wainwright that there had been thefts of lead from building sites on which Cardwell was working. Cardwell was remanded in custody pending further investigation. See also cases 1842/088, 1842/089 and 1842/090	1842/087
Buck	Abraham	Cardwell	Joseph	03	08	1842	Theft of lead	T	Lockyer had evidently taken the lead that he bought from Cardwell to Bristol (see 1842/087) because he was stopped there by PC Sowden as he was in the process of selling it to Westcot's. Lockyer confirmed that he had bought the lead from Cardwell. There appears to have been no suggestion that Lockyer was guilty of theft.	1842/088

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Buck	Abraham	Cardwell	Joseph	03	08	1842	Theft of lead	T	There was also a statement from Cardwell himself asserting that the lead sold to Lockyer was his own, mostly inherited from his father. He claimed that this was the only occasion on which he had sold lead to Lockyer, although he had sold some to Lockyer's wife but that was many years before. Cardwell was eventually discharged because of lack of evidence.	1842/089
Buck	Abraham	Lockyer Cardwell	Charles Joseph	03	08	1842	Theft of lead	T	Bill for expenses from PC Sowden for travel from Bristol to Wells. The sum involved was £1.3s.3d.	1842/090
Baller	Richard Clarke	Plenty	James	05	08	1842	Desertion of wife and family	Ds	Baller was master of Wells Union workhouse. He claimed that Plenty, a blacksmith from Chewton, had deserted his wife and family, leaving them chargeable to the parish of Chewton.	1842/091
Baller	Richard Clarke	Flower	Thomas	05	08	1842	Desertion of wife and family	Ds	Baller was master of Wells Union workhouse. He claimed that Flower, a shoemaker from Chewton, had deserted his wife and family, leaving them chargeable to the parish of Chewton. The case was settled by the Board without a hearing.	1842/092
Dudderidge	George Webb	Cullen	Jonah	09	08	1842	Theft of stockings	T	PC Dudderidge found Cullen to be in possession of 4 pairs of worsted stockings and he also determined that Cullen had left 5 waistcoats at the premises of Mr Hopkins, a broker, for him to sell. Dudderidge held the view that these were stolen goods and he requested the prisoner be remanded in custody so that he could gather further evidence. Cullen was remanded pending further investigation.	1842/093
Finucane	James	Dix	John	10	08	1842	Fraud	Fr	Finucane, an excise officer, charged Dix, a licensed postmaster, with false accounting. He also called the Rev. Henry Watson Barnard and Barnard's servant, Frederick Perkins, as witnesses. Dix pleaded guilty and was fined £5 with costs of £1.	1842/094
Baller	Richard Clarke	Clarke	William	11	08	1842	Absconding from workhouse with clothes	Ab	Baller was master of Wells Union workhouse. Clarke, an inmate, had absconded from the workhouse wearing clothes that were the property of the Guardians of the workhouse. The value of the clothes that Clarke was wearing was at least 7/-. Baller requested that a warrant be issued for Clarke's arrest.	1842/095

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Salmon	Selina	Murrow Dix Flood Murrow	Charles George Robert Bartholomew	17	08	1842	Petty trespass	Pt	Selina Salmon claimed that the defendants (respectively, painter, saddler, brushmaker and tailor) had damaged the door to her property in Southover; her estimate of the damage was 2/-. The case was settled without a hearing.	1842/096
Stock	Mary	Williams Coleman Taylor Carter Dix	George William William William Henry	17	08	1842	Petty trespass	Pt	Mary Stock, a widow living in Southover, complained that 5 young men had been making a noise in the street outside her house. She told them to go away, but, before going, they broke open her front door, causing damage that she estimated at 1/-. The first three defendants listed were all brushmakers, the other two were woolstaplers. The case was settled without a hearing.	1842/097a
Abraham	Isaac	Vagg	Jane	17	08	1842	Theft of a ring	T	Abraham accused Jane Vagg of stealing a coral ring to the value of 5/- which was his property. Jane Vagg was remanded in custody until the next General Quarter Sessions or until discharged in the normal process of law.	1842/097b
Corrigan	James	Goodfellow	Charles	19	08	1842	Non-payment of wages Assault	N A	Corrigan was a blacksmith who had contracted his services to Goodfellow, a coachmaker, at the rate of 3/4d per day or £1 per week. He claimed that Goodfellow owed him 13/- in wages of which he had received 5/-. When he asked Goodfellow for the outstanding sum, Goodfellow called him a blackguard, put down only 6/- and then scattered the money on the floor by pounding the surface on which it lay with his fist, damaging Corrigan's hand at the same time. Corrigan's testimony was supported by Cornelius Oborn and John Jeanes, both employees of Goodfellow. George White, another employee, claimed that he had paid Corrigan the outstanding sum of 2/-. Goodfellow was ordered to pay 2/8d with 13/6d costs immediately or a distress warrant would be issued.	1842/098

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Grist	Mary Ann	Grist	William Thomas	22	08	1842	Assault	A	Mary Ann Grist complained that her husband, William Thomas Grist, a printer, had threatened her with physical violence as well as verbal abuse. She claimed that he had threatened to knock out her brains with a press pin which he was brandishing in her face, had held a knife to her and threatened to stab her with it and had also taken up a fire shovel and menaced her with it. She requested that he be required to put forward sureties as to his future conduct towards her. Grist was apprehended and imprisoned before entering into a bond of £50 of his own money and a bond of £20 from his brother, James Grist, a baker from Glastonbury, to keep the peace for the next 12 months. Once the bonds were confirmed, Grist would be set free, otherwise would stay in gaol for a period of 12 months.	1842/099
Baller	Richard Clarke	Flower	Thomas	22	08	1842	Desertion of wife and family	Ds	Baller was master of Wells Union workhouse. He claimed that Flower, a shoemaker from Chewton, had deserted his wife and family, leaving them chargeable to the parish of Chewton. This appears to be almost a duplicate of the case of 5 August 1842 that was decided by the Board without a court hearing (see 1842/092).	1842/100
[Justices]		Densham	John	27	08	1842	Corn importation Act	Cd	Declaration of conformity to the Corn Importation Act by Densham of Croscombe.	1842/101
[Justices]		Perry	Robert	27	08	1842	Corn importation Act	Cd	Declaration of conformity to the Corn Importation Act by Robert Perry of Wells.	1842/102
Buck	Abraham	Bird	Joseph	29	08	1842	Drunkenness	D	PC Buck charged Bird with being drunk in High Street and causing a disturbance. The case against Bird was dismissed on the defendant paying the costs of 3/-.	1842/103a

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Baker	John	Seal	John	29	08	1842	Assault	A	Baker, a baker, claimed that he was walking down Grove Lane when he met John Seal and [Joseph] Bird. He then claimed that after some conversation Seal walked up to him and struck him between the eyes causing him to bleed profusely. Seal was fined 5/- with costs of 7/- or to serve one calendar month in prison; the fine was recorded as paid.	1842/103b
Creedy	Emma	Corbet	John	29	08	1842	Drunkenness	D	Emma Creedy, a widow, complained that Corbet had got into her garden and was in a drunken condition. Corbet was said to be fined 5/- with costs of 5/- and a further penalty of 2/-, but a different document states that he was to be put in the stocks for a period of 6 hours. According to an official return listing fines and penalties where some or all of the fine was payable to the churchwardens of St Cuthberts, Corbet did not pay the fine and was committed to the stocks.	1842/104
Tucker	Mary	White Crandon	William William	30	08	1842	Assault	A	Mary Tucker, a single woman, claimed that White and Crandon, both butchers, had pulled the shawl from her back and proceeded to push her about.	1842/105
Radnidge	William	Longman	John	03	09	1842	Non-payment of wages	N	Radnidge, a wheelwright, had gone to work for Longman, a carpenter, for the sum of 14/- per week. Radnidge claimed that Longman had so far paid him £2.4s.1d, but was refusing to pay him the outstanding amount due to him. The dispute was referred to Mr Brampton to settle.	1842/106
Norris	William	Creedy Brooke	Major Frederick	05	09	1842	Assault	A	Norris, described in one document as a labourer and in another as a chaise driver, complained that he had been assaulted and struck violent blows on several parts of his body by Creedy, a painter, and Brooke, a plaisterer and tiler.	1842/107

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Creedy	Major	Norris Norris Callicott	William Eliza George	05	09	1842	Assault	A	Creedy, a painter, claimed that he had been assaulted and struck several times on various parts of his body by Norris and his wife and by Callicott, a labourer. Creedy claimed that he and Frederick Brooke, a plaisterer, had been walking down Grove Lane when they were called into Norris' house by Eliza, Norris' wife. They stayed there for a time and then Norris threw some money on the table and seemingly challenged the two men to some form of wager, When they refused Norris and his wife assaulted Creedy, first with fists and feet and then with a poker, before throwing Creedy and Brooke out onto the street. Witness testimony was provided by Frederick Brooke, John Collier, a labourer, Thomas Green, a painter and Robert Foster. The case against Callicott was dismissed on his paying 2/-, while Norris and his wife were both convicted of assault; each was fined 4/6d with costs of 5/6d or, if in default, to serve one calendar month in prison; the fines were recorded as paid. See also case 1842/107.	1842/108
Moon	John	Moyston	John	06	09	1842	Assault	A	Moon, a labourer, claimed that he had been attacked and struck in the face by Moyston, another labourer.	1842/109
Berryman	George	Moyston	John	06	09	1842	Assault	A	Berryman, a labourer, claimed that he had been attacked and struck several violent blows in the face by Moyston, another labourer. Moyston was ordered to be arrested, possibly in conjunction with a similar assault on John Moon (see 1842/108).	1842/110
Barber	James	Dudderidge Mullins Hucker	James James James	08	09	1842	Sureties for the peace	Su	Barber, an innkeeper, complained that the three defendants, all described as labourers, had used abusive and threatening language towards him and had done so repeatedly in the past. He claimed that he was concerned that they would do him bodily harm and requested that they be required to provide sureties as to their future conduct. The case was settled without a hearing.	1842/111

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Gale	Thomas	Judd	Philip	10	09	1842	Sureties for the peace	Su	Gale, a coal carrier, complained that Judd, a labourer, had used violent and abusive language towards him and threatened to chop his neck off. Judd had then supposedly repeated the threats some days later. Gale asked that Judd be required to put forward sureties with respect to his future conduct. The case was dismissed.	1842/112
Willis	Thomas	Isgrove	John	12	09	1842	Drunkenness	D	PC Willis charged John Isgrove with being drunk in Tucker Street, having encountered him there making a great noise and challenging his brother, James, to a fight. John Isgrove was fined 6d with costs of 5/- (see also case 1842/114)	1842/113
Willis	Thomas	Isgrove	James	12	09	1842	Drunkenness	D	PC Willis charged James Isgrove with being drunk in Tucker Street, having encountered him there making a great noise and challenging his brother, John, to a fight. James Isgrove was fined 6d with costs of 5/- (see also case 1842/113)	1842/114
Buck	Abraham	Cameron	James	19	09	1842	Vagrancy	V	PC Buck saw Cameron wandering the streets of Wells on several occasions over a weekend and found him begging from people in the street as well as going from house to house asking for alms. Cameron was sent to prison in Shepton Mallet for 14 days.	1842/115
Weare	Thomas	Somers	Joseph	20	09	1842	Failing to complete contract	Nc	Weare, a carpenter, was building a house in Portway and had agreed with Somers, a mason, on a schedule of work that Somers was to carry out. Somers had done part of the work and Weare had paid him money on account, but Somers was refusing to complete the agreed work. The case against Somers was dismissed.	1842/116
[Justices]		Catcott	George	27	09	1842	Corn importation Act	Cd	Declaration of conformity to the Corn Importation Act by George Catcott of Wells.	1842/117
Buck	Abraham	Birch	Edward	28	09	1842	Drunkenness	D	PC Buck found a waggon and three horses drawn up against the wall of Miss Tanner's house at the corner of Mill Lane at 1.00am. He found Birch in the cart, asleep and insensible from drink. He took Birch into custody and called Birch's employer, George Hill of Theale, to take away the waggon and horses. Birch was fined 5/- with costs of 5/-; the fine was recorded as paid.	1842/118

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Buck	Abraham	Barber Gibbons	George Charles	03	10	1842	Drunkness	D	PC Buck was called to the Antelope Inn where Barber and Gibbons were said to be drunk. Having sent them on their way he then found them in Priest Row still in a drunken state, so arrested them and took them into custody. The case against the two defendants was dismissed on payment of the costs of custody, i.e. 2/3d.	1842/119
Perry	Robert	Mogford	Jane	24	10	1842	Unlicensed market place	Um	Perry, the collector of market tolls, claimed that Jane Mogford, wife of Thomas Mogford, had been selling fruit and vegetables door to door without paying the market toll applicable. Jane Mogford appeared to be claiming on the one hand that she had an agreement with Perry to pay 6d per week for the market toll and on the other that the produce she was supplying had all been ordered in advance. Perry denied that either of these conditions was true and he had confirmation from Stephen Fry, a shopowner, who stated that the apples he had bought had not been ordered in advance.	1842/120
Cox	Henry	Wills	James	31	10	1842	Assault	A	Cox, a labourer, claimed that he had been assaulted and struck on various parts of his body by Wills, a horse dealer. Summons were also to be issued to Joseph Vowles, another horse dealer, and Mary Hawkins to provide witness testimony.	1842/121
Surbut	Mary Ann	Hollogan	Sarah	31	10	1842	Assault	A	Mary Ann Surbut, daughter of James Surbut, had gone to her mother's house and found there Sarah Hollogan, wife of Serjeant James Hollogan of the 47th Regiment of Foot. Hollogan accused Surbut of being with her husband on the previous night and, picking up a cheese knife from the table, threatened that if she caught her messing with her husband again she would tear the clothes from her back and run her through with a knife. Surbut requested that Hollogan be required to put forward sureties as to her future conduct.	1842/122

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Cox	Harry	Cox	Henry	01	11	1842	Sureties for the peace	Su	Harry Cox, a labourer, complained that his son, Henry, who was living with his parents at their home in Tucker Street, had assaulted him and knocked him down and then forced him and his wife out of the house. Harry Cox had then gone to the police and had his son taken into custody. He asked that Henry Cox should be required to put forward sureties with respect to his future conduct.	1842/123
Salmon	Selina	Monk	John	07	11	1842	Assault	A	Selina Salmon claimed that she had been walking home to her house in Southover at around 11.00pm when she saw Monk approaching. As he appeared to be tipsy, she made haste to get home and fasten the door. Monk, however, seems to have persuaded her to open the door and he then tried to strike her, but was prevented from doing so by Thomas Allen. Salmon stated that she then sent for the police and Monk left the house. She then left the house soon after, supposedly to look for the police, but, as she was returning to the house, she encountered Monk who knocked her to the ground and kicked her, claiming that she had drawn a knife on him. Monk was duly arrested when the police arrived and found Salmon lying in the middle of the road and a drunken Monk still nearby. Monk was fined 10/- with costs of 6/6d to be paid immediately, or to serve 14 days in prison; the fine was recorded as paid.	1842/124
Dudderidge	George Webb	Murray	Thomas	14	11	1842	Vagrancy	V	PC Dudderidge encountered Murray wandering the streets in Wells. He arrested him on suspicion of committing a felony and subsequently obtained information that Murray was a reputed thief who had probably been frequenting the streets with criminal intent. Murray was convicted as a rogue and vagabond and sentenced to one calendar month in prison with hard labour.	1842/125
Pollett	Henry	Hopkins	William	24	11	1842	Assault	A	Pollett, a labourer, claimed that Hopkins, also a labourer, had struck him a violent blow in the face.	1842/126

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[Justices]		Dix	John	25	11	1842	Corn importation Act	Cd	Declaration of conformity to the Corn Importation Act by John Dix of Wells.	1842/127
Stock	Mary	Nicholls	George	26	11	1842	Petty trespass	Pt	Mary Stock, a widow living in Southover, complained that Nicholls had disturbed her late at night by rattling on her door and then throwing a stone that broke 3 panes of glass. She saw Nicholls standing on the other side of the road with 2 others, but they ran away when she tried to catch them and, although she followed them as far as the Sherston Arms, she lost them.	1842/128
Martin	Thomas	Bathe Harris	Thomas William	28	11	1842	Petty trespass	Pt	Martin of the Wells Gas Company complained that a gas lamp in the Liberty of St Andrew had been broken - and that it had been done deliberately. PC Dudderidge had been on duty nearby and had heard the glass breaking. He had seen two individuals but had not been in a position to identify or arrest them. However, he was later able to obtain information about the identities of the two men and was able to arrest them. Bathe was a baker and Harris a surveyor.	1842/129
Perry	Robert	Fisher	Charles	30	11	1842	Hawking fish	Um	Perry, the collector of market tolls, claimed that Fisher had been hawking fish rather than selling it in the market or Market Place and had been attempting to avoid paying the appropriate toll. The case was settled without a hearing.	1842/130
Serel	Thomas	Churches	John	02	12	1842	Drunkenness Assault	D A	Serel, an accountant, claimed that Churches, a yeoman from Godney, was drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert and that Churches had assaulted him by striking him in the face. Both elements of the complaint were settled out of court by the defendant apologising and paying an amount in cash.	1842/131
King	John	Trood Harris	A M William	03	12	1842	Petty trespass	Pt	King, an innkeeper, complained that a bantam cock belonging to him and roosting in his hen house, had been wilfully and maliciously killed by Trood, an ironmonger and Harris a road surveyor. Francis Woldie, a servant, was to be summoned to provide witness testimony.	1842/132

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James	Elizabeth	Rawlins	George	09	12	1842	Assault	A	Elizabeth James, a single woman, claimed that Rawlins, described as a gentleman, had seized her and forced her against the wall. The case was dismissed as Elizabeth James did not appear.	1842/133
[Regina]		Millard	James	10	12	1842	Sureties for the peace	Su	Millard, a labourer, was summoned to explain why he should not have to put forward sureties to guarantee his future conduct. He was discharged on payment of costs of 1/6d.	1842/134
Weeks	Sarah	Hopkins	William	13	12	1842	Assault	A	Sarah Weeks, a widow, complained that she had been walking along Southover when Hopkins, a labourer, came up to her and knocked her down. He then proceeded to drag her into the middle of the road, knocked her down again and kicked her while she was down. The case was dismissed with each party paying their own costs.	1842/135
Dudderidge	George Webb	Hallett Webb	Benjamin William	15	12	1842	Theft	T	PC Dudderidge saw Hallett and Webb, who were said to be from Ditcheat, selling ducks and fowls below the normal market price. In his opinion they must have been selling stolen merchandise to offer them so cheaply. The prisoners were remanded in custody pending further investigation.	1842/136
Parker	George	Crandon	William	23	12	1842	Assault	A	Parker, an innkeeper in East Wells, complained that Crandon had come into his house and made a great disturbance. Parker asked him to leave and when Crandon refused, Parker took hold of him and tried to throw him out. Crandon resisted and attempted to strike Parker and it was only with the help of others that Crandon was removed. Crandon was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-.	1842/137
Willis	Thomas	Hall	George	26	12	1842	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Willis charged Hall of Ashwick with leaving his horse and cart in High Street for much longer than was necessary to load or unload the vehicle. The case was dismissed upon Hall paying the costs of the case.	1842/138
Dudderidge	George Webb	Wallen	Edward	26	12	1842	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Dudderidge charged Wallen of Oakhill with leaving a cart in High Street in a location which obstructed the free passage of traffic. The case was dismissed on Wallen paying the costs of the case.	1842/139

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Dudderidge	George Webb	Tucker aka Wallen	Mary	26	12	1842	Sureties for the peace	Su	PC Dudderidge charged Mary Tucker with a breach of the peace and summoned her to show why she should not need to put forward sureties to guarantee her future conduct. The case was dismissed on Mary Tucker paying the costs of the case.,	1842/140
Willis	Thomas	Lockyear	George	26	12	1842	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Willis charged Lockyear, described as a labourer, with leaving a cart and two asses for longer than necessary for loading or unloading in the High Street.	1842/141
[Regina]		Lacey	William	26	12	1842	Breach of the peace	Dp	Lacey, a labourer, was charged with a breach of the peace and summoned to show why he should not have to put forward securities to guarantee his future conduct. Lacey confessed and was ordered to pay 7/6d but was given until 6 February to do so.	1842/142
Nelson	Roger	Lush	Allen	28	12	1842	Assault	A	Nelson, a labourer, claimed that Lush, also a labourer, had held his fists in his face and struck him. The case was settled without a hearing.	1842/143
[Justices]		[Various]		31	12	1842	List of fines and penalties	*	List of fines and penalties covering the period from April 1841 to the end of December 1842. The information from the list is incorporated in the individual cases affected. New cases have been created for Wills v Lilly (see 1841/047a) and Tucker v Lilly (see 1841/084a).	1842/144
[Justices]		[Various]		31	12	1842	List of fines and penalties	*	List of fines and penalties covering the period from 3 October 1840 to 31 December 1842 where some or all of the fine was payable to the churchwardens of St Cuthberts. New cases have been created for the charges of drunkenness against Stephen Hayden (see 1842/007a), George Foster (see 1842/007b) and James Hutton (see 1842/057a).	1842/145

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White	William	Creedy Nicholls	Major George	03	01	1843	Assault	A	White, a butcher, was stabling his cart in Chamberlain Street when his son, also William, was struck a blow by one of a group of men passing by. It seems to have been Nicholls, a labourer, who struck the child, but White accused Creedy, also described as a labourer, of being the culprit. Creedy immediately wanted to fight and was said to have kicked White in the leg before White knocked him down. The testimony of Edmund Lovell, a plumber and glazier suggested that White struck the first blow but Creedy was deemed to be guilty of assault and fined 1/- with costs of 10/6d or to serve 14 days in prison. According to an official return of fines and penalties both Creedy and Nicholls paid fines of 1/- that were imposed.	1843/001
Parker	Jonas	Lawrence	William	04	01	1843	Assault	A	Parker, a butcher, accused Lawrence, also a butcher, of kicking him and pushing him around. The alleged offence took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. The case was settled without a hearing.	1843/002
Willis	Thomas	Trood	Abraham Musgrave	07	01	1843	Leaving litter in High Street	E	PC Willis accused Trood, an ironmonger, of depositing litter in High Street. Trood was discharged on payment of costs. The surname of the defendant is unclear.	1843/003
Willis	Thomas	Tate	Alexander	07	01	1843	Leaving litter in High Street	E	PC Willis accused Tate, an ironmonger, of depositing litter in High Street. Tate was discharged on payment of costs.	1843/004
Perham	William	George	Richard	09	01	1843	Non-payment of wages	N	Perham had worked for George as a carpenter since 1839. He claimed that George owed him 10/8d in unpaid wages covering two weeks and four days of labour at 4/- per week. The case was settled without a hearing.	1843/005

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Serbutt	James	Bird	Frederick	10	01	1843	Wilful trespass	Pt	Serbutt (possibly Sowerbutt?), porter at Wells Union workhouse, complained that Bird, a vagrant who had become an inmate, had deliberately broken one of the windows by throwing his shoe at it. Bird was fined 9d with costs of 7/6d to be paid immediately or to serve 2 calendar months in prison with hard labour. According to a return of fines and penalties Bird did not pay the fine and was therefore committed to prison.	1843/006
Western snr Western	John Martha	Western jnr	John	13	01	1843	Breach of the peace	Dp	John Western jnr was summoned to justify why he should not be bound over with respect to his future conduct towards his parents, John and Martha Western. The case was settled without a hearing.	1843/007
Gunn	Richard	Adams	William	14	01	1843	Wilful trespass	Pt	Gunn was the innkeeper of the White Hart in Wells. He complained that Adams, a yeoman farmer from West Pennard, got involved in a scuffle in the pub and deliberately broke a window to the value of 2/8d. The case was settled without a hearing.	1843/008
Somers	Samuel	Cook	Ann	14	01	1843	Offence against licence	L	PC Somers accused Ann Cook, an innkeeper, of keeping her establishment open for the sale of alcoholic liquor after the accepted closing time of eleven o'clock in the evening.	1843/009
Parker	George	Crandon	William	16	01	1843	Assault	A	Parker, a publican in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, claimed that he had been assaulted by Crandon. Crandon was fined 5/- with costs of 9/-. He failed to pay the sums involved and was sent to prison at Shepton Mallet for 14 days.	1843/010
Lowman	Mary	Batson Hucker	Richard James	26	01	1843	Assault	A	Mary Lowman, wife of George Lowman, a labourer, accused Batson, also a labourer, and Hucker, a shoemaker, of assaulting her and striking her several times with their fists. The case was settled without a hearing.	1843/011
Lowman	George	Batson Hucker	Richard James	26	01	1843	Assault	A	George Lowman, a labourer, accused Batson, also a labourer, and Hucker, a shoemaker, of assaulting him and striking him several times on various parts of his body. The case was settled without a hearing.	1843/012

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Dudderidge	George Webb	Ridley	William	28	01	1843	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Dudderidge accused Ridley, described as a labourer from Chewton Mendip, of having left a cart parked in the Market Place in such a way that it obstructed the movement of traffic. Ridley was reprimanded and discharged on payment of the costs of the case.	1843/013
Dudderidge	George Webb	Weaver	James	30	01	1843	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Dudderidge charged Weaver, described as a labourer from Chewton Mendip, with having left a cart loaded with coals parked in High Street in such a way that it obstructed the movement of traffic. Weaver was reprimanded and discharged on payment of the costs of the case.	1843/014
Willis	Thomas	Cook	Ann	01	02	1843	Offence against licence	L	PC Willis brought a charge against Ann Cook, the licensee of The Ring o'Bells in St Cuthbert Street, of selling alcoholic drink outside the hours of the licence. PC Dudderidge had seen a girl named Western coming out of the pub with a full jug of beer at 11.57pm when the pub should have stopped serving at 11.00pm. Cook was fined 40/-, the costs of the case to be deducted. Cook paid the fine.	1843/015
Perkins	William	Norris	William	03	02	1843	Unlawfully detaining a cloak	T	Perkins, described as a gentleman, accused Norris of unlawfully detaining a cloth cloak.	1843/016
Sims	Josiah	Reed	Henry	07	02	1843	Unlawfully detaining a barrow	T	Sims, a patten and clog maker, claimed that he had sent his boy, Benjamin Brookman, on an errand with a clothes barrow. While Brookman was wheeling the barrow along Guardhouse Lane, Reed, the boots at the Somerset Hotel, had seized the barrow by force and was now refusing to return it. Reed was ordered to restore the barrow to Sims. Reed is given the forename 'Edward' in Sims' statement but is referred to as 'Henry' in the summons.	1843/017

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Parrott	Mary	Ball	Zachariah	10	02	1843	Assault	A	Mary Parrott was the wife of Henry Parrott, a tailor. They lived next door to Ball, also a tailor, in Tucker Street. Mary claimed that Ball had come out of his house and abused her and her husband using foul and abusive language, had thrown water over her and broken a pan which belonged to her. Testimony from William Badman, a plaisterer who was in his garden and overheard the altercation, suggested that he had heard Mary Parrott call Ball a blackguard and a damnation villain before shoving her mop in his face - and then Ball had thrown water over her.	1843/018
Baller	Richard Clarke	Willey	Elizabeth	13	02	1843	Petty trespass	Pt	Baller was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Willey was a pauper inmate sent to the workhouse from Glastonbury. She had apparently broken 8 panes of glass in the workhouse; the cost of the damage was estimated at 6/-. Willey had apparently been sent to prison on 3 previous occasions for damage to workhouse property. On this occasion she was ordered to pay a fine of 6/- with costs of 7/6d or to serve 2 calendar months in prison at Shepton Mallet. According to an official return of fines and penalties Willey did not pay the fine imposed and was therefore committed to prison.	1843/019
White	William	Creedy	Major	16	02	1843	Assault	A	See case 1843/001. Creedy had failed to pay the sums ordered by the magistrates in the complaint of assault brought by William White, butcher. Creedy was therefore committed to prison for 14 days. Note: according to an official return Creedy supposedly paid the fine imposed, so this entry comes as a surprise.	1843/020
Dudderidge	George Webb	Kiddle	Thomas	16	02	1843	Drunkenness	D	PC Dudderidge brought a charge against Kiddle, a labourer, for being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. Kiddle was found guilty and fined 5/-; the fine was recorded as paid.	1843/021

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Fry	John	Batson	Richard	25	02	1843	Theft	T	Batson was accused of stealing two trusses of hay belonging to Fry. He was detained in prison until the next session of the assizes.	1843/022
Berry jnr	James	Richards	William	02	03	1843	Assault	A	Berry was apprenticed to Richards, a basket maker. He claimed that Richards struck him several times with his fist and also kicked him, apparently following an incident between Berry and a servant girl. Richards was found guilty and fined 2/6d with costs of 10/6d.	1843/023
Chapman	Mary	Seaford Andrews	Mary Anne Mary Anne	13	03	1843	Non-payment of friendly society entitlements	N	Mary Chapman was a member of the Wells Female Union Society and had been for a number of years. She had become ill and was unable to work. Her illness was accredited by two surgeons, John Lawrence and John Nicholls. However, the friendly society was not paying her the 3/- per week to which she was entitled. She therefore brought a case against Mary Anne Seaford and Mary Anne Andrews, both executives of the society. The Society was ordered to pay the weekly allowance to which the plaintiff was entitled.	1843/024
Baller	Richard Clark	Porter	William	15	03	1843	Petty trespass	Pt	Baller was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Porter was a pauper inmate who complained about the quality and quantity of his breakfast. He became violent when Baller ordered him to be locked up and wilfully damaged two panels of the door to the room in which he was being held. The damage was estimated at 6/- . Porter was fined 6/- with costs of 7/6d or to be sent to prison for 14 days with hard labour. According to an official return listing fines and penalties Porter did not pay the fine imposed and was therefore committed to prison.	1843/025
Berry jnr	James	Richards	William	22	03	1843	Ill-treatment of an apprentice	It	Berry was apprenticed to Richards, a basket maker. He claimed that Richards had refused to give him work and to train him in the skills appropriate to his employ. The case was dismissed.	1843/026

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Baller	William Clarke	Moon	William Sage	25	03	1843	Absconding from workhouse in clothes belonging to the workhouse.	Ab	Baller was master of Wells Union workhouse. Moon was a pauper admitted to the workhouse who then absconded wearing clothes that had been provided by the workhouse. He was sentenced to one calendar month in prison.	1843/027
[Justices]		Seale jnr	John	26	03	1843	Drunkenness	D	Seale, a labourer, was accused of drunkenness. He was discharged on payment of the costs of the case.	1843/028
Surveyor of Highways		Tilley	George	04	04	1843	Non-payment for supply of materials	N	Tilley, a labourer resident in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, had supposedly received a quantity of road scrapings from the highway leading from Portway to Little Elm. The Surveyor of Highways required Tilley to pay 30/- for this material but he had refused to pay. Tilley was discharged on the basis of a promise to pay 25/-.	1843/029
George	John	Pyke	Benjamin	07	04	1843	Theft	T	George accused Pyke of having feloniously stolen a £10 note that he had sent to James Allen in Bristol for the purpose of purchasing quarry goods. The money was enclosed in a note sent via William Chamberlain, who ran a stage waggon for James Allen between Shepton Mallet and Bristol. George had recorded the serial number of the £10 note and written his name on the back. Pyke denied having stolen the note, claiming that on the date in question he was not in Wells but at work in Botton. However, at the hearing Pyke apparently produced the £10 note and handed it over, supposedly having picked it up when it was lost. George, having recovered his money, chose not to pursue the case.	1843/030
Taylor	Clement	Wickham	John	10	04	1843	Retention of cloth	T	Taylor claimed that in the preceding September he had passed two yards of cloth to Wickham, a tailor, and commissioned him to make a greatcoat. Despite pressing Wickham on a number of occasions, he had not received the greatcoat and Wickham would not return the cloth.	1843/031

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Hewlett	Joel	Smith	William	10	04	1843	Assault (stabbing)	A	William Smith from Yorkshire, apparently an itinerant salesman of metalware, was charged with cutting and stabbing Hewlett with the intent of maiming him or causing bodily harm. Smith, who claimed to be deaf and dumb and nearly blind, stated that Hewlett struck him first and that he, Smith, had no knowledge of any knife. Smith's testimony was apparently accepted in that it was agreed that the knife used to stab Hewlett was not his and that Smith had not used a knife against Hewlett. Smith was therefore discharged since there was no evidence against him, but was required to leave town immediately.	1843/033
Somers	Samuel	Collins	Harriett	11	04	1843	Vagrancy and prostitution	V	PC Somers proposed to bring charges against Collins who, he claimed, had been seen around the town for almost two weeks and appeared to be acting as a common prostitute. The case was not pursued.	1843/032
Broad	William	Batson	Richard	05	05	1843	Theft	T	Broad was the publican of the Fountain Inn in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. Batson had come into the inn and ordered a quart of beer. He was accidentally served a short measure but when Broad offered to make good the error, Batson refused and left the premises with the earthenware mug in which the beer was served. Broad estimated the value of the mug at 8d. The case was settled without a hearing.	1843/034
Broad	William	Norman	George	05	05	1843	Petty trespass	Pt	Broad was the publican of the Fountain Inn in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. He claimed that Norman entered the inn and wilfully damaged a pewter quart pot of a value of 3/6d. The case was noted as being settled.	1843/035
Somers	Samuel	Amor	John	11	05	1843	Drunkenness	D	PC Somers charged Amor, a labourer, with drunkenness in the High Street; the incident occurred on a Sunday and Somers alleged that he had often seen Amor drunk on a Sunday. Amor was fined 5/-; the fine was recorded as paid.	1843/036

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Nightingale	Anne	Duffley	John	19	05	1843	Felony	T	Duffley had apparently been arrested and charged with the theft of an unspecified article or articles from Anne Nightingale. Duffley was to be held in custody until the hearing of the case which was scheduled for 22 May.	1843/037
Teale	Margaret	Pearcy	Elizabeth	23	05	1843	Assault	A	Margaret Teale, wife of Going Teale, cooper, claimed that she had been assaulted by Elizabeth Pearcy, wife of William Pearcy, labourer. The incident took place in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert and Pearcy had supposedly struck Teale twice in the face and pinched her. Pearcy admitted the assault. The total of fines and costs appears to have been 10/- of which 2/6 seems to have been the fine. Pearcy appears to have paid the sums involved.	1843/038
Somers	Samuel	Hawkins Hawkins Bird Seal Adams Crandon	John James Joseph Francis William William	23	05	1843	Disturbing the peace	Dp	PC Somers accused the defendants, all described as labourers, of creating a disturbance in Back Lane. There were two formal complaints from residents of the street, Emanuel Brown and James Bryant, that the defendants had been shouting and swearing and using abusive language and two of them had been fighting; all were said to be drunk. All six were bound over in the sum of £20 each to keep the peace for the next 12 months.	1843/039
Somers	Samuel	Tanner	Elizabeth	29	05	1843	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Somers found that a quantity of coal ashes, lime and mortar was almost completely blocking High Street with only just sufficient room for a horse to pass. The ashes, lime and mortar belonged to Miss Tanner, linen draper. The case was withdrawn.	1843/040
Creighton	Alexander	White	Robert	29	05	1843	Detaining a hat	T	Creighton, a labourer, was playing with other young men in Southover when Joseph White grabbed his hat and gave it to his brother Robert, a tailor. Robert White then refused to return the hat to Creighton; the value of the hat was estimated to be 2/-.	1843/041

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Hawkins	Charles	Loxton	William John	31	05	1843	Assault	A	Hawkins, a shoemaker, claimed that Loxton, also a shoemaker, had assaulted him by striking him on the head with the heel of a boot. The incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. The case was dismissed.	1843/042
Sawtell	Hebe	Smyth	Brian	31	05	1843	Assault	A	Hebe Sawtell, a widow, claimed that Smyth, a harness maker, had assaulted her in her garden, threatening her with his fists and with a hatchet. A neighbour, Ann Bennett, wife of Joseph Bennett, a shoemaker, had heard noises from next door and had reportedly seen Smyth smashing the garden gate with a hatchet, but had not seen him threatening to attack Mrs Sawtell with it. The case was settled between the two parties.	1843/043
Willis	Thomas	Freestone	George	01	06	1843	Hawking fish outside market	Um	PC Willis charged Freestone of Shepton Mallet with hawking fish outside the market area, namely in High Street and Sadler Street. Although Freestone had paid the required toll, he was not allowed to sell produce outside the designated area of the market. Freestone was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/6d. The fine was recorded as being paid.	1843/044
Hurlston	William	Weeks	James	08	06	1843	Theft	T	Hurlston, a labourer from Blagdon, claimed that he left his house in a secure condition when he set off for work, but when he returned a number of articles of clothing had been stolen. He was given a description of the possible thief by his neighbour and set off in pursuit. When Hurlston caught up with Weeks near Wells, Weeks was wearing many of the stolen items. Hurlston valued the stolen items at 30/-, although this included a blue cloth coat that was not found on Weeks. Weeks was arrested and taken into custody to stand trial at the next Quarter Sessions.	1843/045

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Perry	Robert	Dowling	John	09	06	1843	Non-payment of market toll	N	Perry was collector of market tolls. Dowling, a farmer from Wookey, had brought a load of cheese to be sold in the market. The toll payable on 12cwt of cheese was 2/- but Dowling refused to pay. It appears that the incident took place in November 1842 and Dowling was still refusing to pay the toll due. The case was dismissed on payment of the toll and the costs of the case.	1843/046
Perry	Robert	Hawker	Joseph	10	06	1843	Non-payment of market toll	Um	Perry was collector of market tolls. Hawker was a butcher who had a business in Wells. However, Hawker had set out for sale a quantity of beef on a shelf outside his dwelling house in High Street, apparently with the aim of avoiding the market toll. Perry charged him with not selling the meat in the appropriate market place and thus attempting to avoid the toll due.	1843/047
Coleman	Mark	Norris	William	12	06	1843	Assault	A	Mark Coleman, labourer, claimed that he was in the lane behind the Somerset Hotel when he was assaulted by Norris, described as a postboy. Coleman had been conducting a conversation with Norris who was unloading hay from a cart. Coleman claimed that Norris had become abusive, jumped down from the cart and struck him with his fist. Then Norris had knocked him down with a truss of hay. Witness statements from Stephen Burrige, John Taylor (who was helping Norris unload), George Taylor (all labourers) and Richard Moore, a schoolboy, all gave slightly different interpretations of the incident with at least two of them suggesting that the truss of hay had fallen from Norris' shoulder and accidentally hit Coleman. Norris was found guilty of assault, and fined 6/- with costs of 12/- or the alternative of 14 days in prison. According to an official return listing fines and penalties Norris paid the fine imposed.	1843/048

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Perry	Robert	Rendell	Charles	17	06	1843	Non-payment of market toll	N	Perry was collector of market tolls. He claimed that Rendell, a yeoman from North Wootton, had brought in a quantity of cheese for sale in the market but refused to pay the toll of 1/- that was due on the amount of cheese involved.	1843/049
Foster	Robert	Parsons	James	20	06	1843	Sureties for future conduct	Su	Foster, a gas stoker, had been in Southover to remove a quantity of earth near the gas works on the instructions of Mr. Chard, the Surveyor of Highways. Parsons, a labourer, had approached Foster and threatened him with physical violence. Foster claimed that it was not the first occasion that Parsons had threatened him in this way and asked that Parsons be required to provide sureties as to his future conduct. The case was described as settled.	1843/050
Shingleton	Mary	Lawrence	William	28	06	1843	Assault	A	Mary Shingleton was the niece of George Nightingale, publican of the Golden Heart in Southover. She was at the inn when Lawrence entered and she tried to block his way because he had been in earlier in the day and had been abusive to Nightingale. Lawrence struck her and knocked her down but other patrons came to help her and put Lawrence outside. Lawrence was supposedly frequently drunk and abusive on his visits to the pub. The case was recorded as settled.	1843/051
[Justices]		[Various]		30	06	1843	List of fines and penalties	*	List of fines and penalties from 1st March 1842 to 30th June 1843. Note that there are very few entries and the document header states that the period covered ends on 1st March 1843 - but this is not correct.	1843/051a
Perry	Robert	Bence	Catherine	03	07	1843	Hawking pork outside the market	Um	Bence, a spinster, was said to have been hawking pork from door to door in Vicars Close which would have avoided paying the market toll due for selling such produce within the city. There was an incomplete witness statement from Kezia Reading, a single woman and servant to Mr Martin in Vicars Close, but no information from Perry..	1843/052

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Judd	George	Crandon	William	03	07	1843	Assault	A	Judd, a labourer, claimed that he had been assaulted by Crandon in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, being hauled backwards and struck several violent blows in the face and around the head. Crandon was fined 20/- with costs of 7/6d or to spend 1 calendar month in prison. According to an official return listing fines and penalties Crandon did not pay the fine imposed and was therefore committed to prison.	1843/053
Perry	Robert	Cook	William	08	07	1843	Hawking outside the market on a market day	Um	Perry was the collector of market tolls. Cook, a labourer from Easton, was found to be hawking potatoes and cabbages from a donkey cart in the streets of Wells on a market day, rather paying the toll for a stall in the marketplace. The defendant was discharged on payment of the costs of the case.	1843/054
Perry	Robert	Hollier	John	08	07	1843	Hawking outside the market on a market day	Um	Perry was the collector of market tolls. Hollier, a labourer from Draycott, was found to be hawking peas, potatoes and other vegetables from a donkey cart in the streets of Wells on a market day, rather paying the toll for a stall in the marketplace. The defendant was discharged on payment of the costs of the case.	1843/055
Dudderidge	George Webb	Lawrence	Henry	12	07	1843	Drunkenness	D	PC Dudderidge charged Lawrence, a labourer, with being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. Lawrence was discharged on payment of the costs of the case.	1843/056
Dudderidge	George Webb	Oldfield	William	12	07	1843	Drunkenness	D	PC Dudderidge charged Oldfield, a plasterer, with being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. Oldfield was discharged on payment of the costs of the case.	1843/057
Dudderidge	George Webb	Baker	George	12	07	1843	Offence against licence	L	PC Dudderidge charged Baker, a licensed publican, with opening his public house before the statutory licensing hours on a Sunday lunchtime. Baker was fined 10/- with costs of 7/6d; the sums were recorded as paid.	1843/058

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Perry	Robert	Selway	Ann	20	07	1843	Hawking without paying market toll	Um	Perry was collector of market tolls. He claimed that he saw Ann Selway, wife of John Selway, a farmer at Pen Hill Farm, go into George Parker's shop in East Wells and sell a quantity of butter and eggs without having paid the appropriate market toll of 2d. The case was dismissed on payment of the toll and the costs of the case.	1843/059
Spratt	Eliza	Lane	Mary	20	07	1843	Assault	A	Spratt, wife of Joseph Spratt of Westbury, claimed that Lane, wife of James Lane of Wookey, had assaulted her by pushing against her with the basket that she (Lane) had in her hands. The incident occurred in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. The case was dismissed.	1843/060
Lax	John	Fry	Harry	21	07	1843	Petty trespass	Pt	Lax was the owner of some empty properties at the corner of Water Lane. The windows and doors on the ground floor were boarded up to prevent access. Fry, a shoemaker, was seen to remove the boards and pull off one of the shutters, before helping a number of people into the premises. The damage to the shutter was estimated at 1/- . The case was dismissed.	1843/061
Perry	Robert	Tucker	Elias	22	07	1843	Hawking outside the market on a market day	Um	Perry was the collector of market tolls. Tucker, a yeoman from Blackford, was found to be hawking butter in East Wells without having paid the appropriate market toll. The case was described as settled.	1843/062
Parsons	William	Hooper aka Dix Ashman	Edward Benjamin	22	07	1843	Petty trespass	Pt	Parsons, a tailor from the In Parish of St Cuthbert, claimed that a pane of glass in his house was deliberately broken by Dix and Ashman. The value of the damage was 1/9d. Dix and Ashman refused to pay for the repair. Dix appears to have been fined 1/6d with costs of 7/6d; no indication is given on the judgement with respect to Ashman. Hooper appears to have paid the fine imposed.	1843/063
Henton	William	Hall	George	22	07	1843	Assault	A	Henton was a drummer in the 47th Regiment of Foot stationed in Wells. He claimed that Hall, a haulier, had assaulted him in the In Parish of St Cuthbert by striking him a violent blow in the mouth. The case was described as settled.	1843/064

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Howard	Ann	Farnham	Frances	25	07	1843	Assault	A	Ann Howard, wife of William Howard, a mason, complained that Frances Farnham, wife of Robert Farnham, a publican, had assaulted her and struck her several blows to the body. The incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert.	1843/065
Howard	Ann	Farnham	Robert	26	07	1843	Assault	A	Ann Howard, wife of William Howard, claimed that she had gone to the Mermaid Inn to get her husband to come home. William Howard, a stone mason, was bowling at the inn and his wife took away his bowling ball. She asserted that Farnham, the publican, swore at her abusively for her action and struck her several blows to the body, knocking her down. A witness, James Western, a shoemaker, testified that Ann Howard was fighting with Frances Farnham, the publican's wife, and that Farnham himself was trying to separate them. Western stated that Ann Howard fell over in the scuffle and he did not see Farnham strike her. The case was dismissed.	1843/066
Willis	Thomas	Amor	John	27	07	1843	Drunkenness	D	PC Willis charged Amor, a labourer, with being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. James Berry was also to be summoned to give evidence in support of PC Willis' charge, but any related documents are missing.	1843/067
Parsons	Mr	Burfitt	Samuel	28	07	1843	Embezzlement	Em	The documentation in this case consists of an incomplete witness statement from a John Farwell. His status and nature of employment are not stated. Farwell apprehended Burfitt in Melcombe Regis near Weymouth on a charge of embezzling a Mr Parsons of Wells. At the time of the arrest Farwell searched Burfitt and found on him only one penny and a penknife. However, Farwell had previously searched a bedroom in the Cooper's Arms occupied by Burfitt where he had found 3 bills of exchange and a hatbox containing 33 sovereigns. There appears to be no further information.	1843/068

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Willis	Thomas	Moore	John	31	07	1843	Drunkenness	D	PC Willis charged Moore, a carpenter, with being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. Joseph Cox, a plaisterer, was also to be summoned to give evidence in support of PC Willis' charge, but any related documents are missing. The case was dismissed.	1843/069
Loxton	William John	Hawkins	Charles	02	08	1843	Apprentice absent from work	Ab	Loxton, a shoemaker in the In Parish of St Cuthbert, claimed that Hawkins, an apprentice indentured to him, had proved unreliable and had recently absented himself from work without permission on several days. The case was dismissed as neither party appeared at the hearing.	1843/070
Dudderidge	George Webb	Priest	Charity	02	08	1843	Drunkenness	D	PC Dudderidge charged Priest with being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. See also case 1843/071c	1843/071a
Dudderidge	George Webb	Priest	Henry Norris	02	08	1843	Sureties for future conduct	Su	PC Dudderidge requested that Priest be required to put forward sureties as to his future conduct, presumably towards his wife. See also case 1843/071c	1843/071b
Priest	Jane	Priest Priest	William Charity	03	08	1843	Assault	A	Jane Priest was the wife of Henry Norris Priest, a cordwainer, resident in Tucker Street. When she returned home from work at the Deanery, she found her parents-in-law waiting at her house. They abused her and her family in profane language and said that their son should get rid of her. They then assaulted her with Charity punching her and William kicking her. Even her husband came downstairs from bed and struck her. There were witness statements from Mary Ann Fry, wife of George Fry, tailor, and George Bacon, both residents of Tucker Street, that essentially supported Jane Priest's complaint. The defendants were fined 9d with costs of 11/- to be paid immediately or to go to prison for 14 days. According to an official return listing fines and penalties the fine was paid. Presumably the police were called to the incident, hence cases 1843/071a and 1843/071b.	1843/071c

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Dudderidge	George Webb	Webb White	James William	05	08	1843	Sureties for future conduct	Su	PC Dudderidge reported that when he was on duty in Queen Street he had found a large crowd of around 200 people had gathered to watch a fight between Webb and White, both described as labourers, Webb from Ashwick and White from Wells. Both had apparently been drinking. The peace of the neighbourhood had been disturbed and the street was impassable. Dudderidge did not actually see them fighting as the fight was over when he arrived. He requested that both of them be required to provide sureties as to their future conduct. They were bound over in the sum of £20 each, White for 6 months, Webb for 3 months.	1843/072
Perry	Robert	Allen	Levi	08	08	1843	Assault	A	Perry, a labourer, claimed that Allen, a blacksmith, had approached him in a fighting attitude and threatened to strike him. The case was settled without a hearing.	1843/073
Willis	Thomas	Sweet	Ann	08	08	1843	Drunkenness	D	PC Willis charged Ann Sweet with being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. The defendant was discharged.	1843/074
Willis	Thomas	Brook	John	08	08	1843	Drunkenness	D	PC Willis charged Brook, a plaisterer, with being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. The case was settled without a hearing.	1843/075
Somers	Samuel	Mortimer	Jacob	09	08	1843	Drunkenness	D	PC Somers charged Mortimer, a labourer, with being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert, and then repeating the offence exactly one week later. The defendant was discharged on payment of the costs of the case.	1843/076
Somers	Samuel	Fookes	Thomas	09	08	1843	Hawking on a market day	Um	PC Somers encountered Fookes from Somerton on a market day hawking peas from a horse and cart in High Street. This location was not approved for market trading and Fookes was evidently seeking to avoid payment of the market toll.	1843/077
Somers	Samuel	Pearce	George	09	08	1843	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Somers charged Pearce, a haulier (shown as 'halier' in the summons), with leaving a horse and cart laden with coal in Southover for longer than necessary to unload the vehicle, causing a danger and obstruction to other road users. The case was dismissed on payment of costs.	1843/078

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Buck	Abraham	Maggs	George	09	08	1843	Obstructing the highway	O	PC Buck charged Maggs of Chewton Mendip with leaving a horse and empty cart in High Street for longer than was necessary to load the vehicle. The horse, which was blind, kept straying into the road, causing problems for other road users. Maggs admitted the offence and was discharged on payment of the costs of 4/6d.	1843/079
Baller	Richard Clarke	Heyer	George	10	08	1843	Absconding from workhouse in clothes belonging to the workhouse.	Ab	Baller was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Heyer was a pauper inmate from the parish of Street who had arrived at the workhouse in November 1842, but in January 1843 had absconded wearing all the clothes supplied to him in the workhouse. Heyer had just been recaptured in Shepton Mallet where he turned himself into the police as a deserter from Wells Union workhouse. He was still wearing some of the clothes but had apparently sold some of the others supplied by the workhouse.	1843/080
Parsons	Jane	Salmon	Roaselina	11	08	1843	Assault	A	Jane Parsons, wife of James Parsons, was a resident of Southover, who had taken in washing for Roaselina Salmon. When Salmon came to pick up the washing at Parsons' house, the price was seven and a half pence. As Parsons did not have the necessary change, she sent someone to get change and, while this person was away, Salmon allegedly fell upon Parsons and struck her several violent blows about the face and body, also damaging her clothing. The case was settled without a hearing.	1843/081
Pearce	George	Orledge	George	12	08	1843	Detaining a measure of fustian	T	Pearce, a labourer, claimed that he had delivered a measure of fustian to Orledge, a tailor, in order for it to be made up into a garment. Pearce claimed that he had not received the garment and that Orledge still had the fustian. The case was dismissed.	1843/082

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Edghill Norris	Robert Elizabeth	Andrews	John	14	08	1843	Breach of the peace	Dp	Edghill, a labourer resident in Bath Road, complained that Andrews was a constant nuisance, harassing and annoying pedestrians and road users as they passed along the street. Elizabeth Norris complained that Andrews frequently came to her house and threatened physical violence on her and her property. Andrews was required to put forward £20 of his own money as surety of his future conduct and to obtain two further bonds of £10 each. Andrews either failed, or did not attempt, to obtain such sureties, and was committed to prison for 3 calendar months or until he was able to put forward the required sureties.	1843/083
Surbutt	James	Helliar	Jane	15	08	1843	Petty trespass	Pt	Surbutt (possibly Sowerbutt?), porter at Wells Union workhouse, complained that Helliar, a pauper inmate, had deliberately broken 5 panes of glass in the workhouse. Helliar, aged 18, from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, had been taken into the Union almost 4 years previously as an orphan, together with two sisters and a brother. She had been a source of constant trouble, having absconded on several occasions, in one instance being returned wearing clothes from a Union in London. She was fined 4/6d for the damage with costs of 5/-, all to be paid immediately, or be sent to prison with hard labour for one calendar month. According to an official return listing fines and penalties Helliar did not pay the fine and was therefore committed to prison.	1843/084
Saunders	John	Mullins	James	16	08	1843	Assault	A	Saunders, a labourer, claimed that he was walking along Southover near the Golden Heart when Muliins, who was passing by in a horse and cart, struck him with a whip. When confronted by Saunders, then Mullins struck him a violent blow in the mouth and knocked him down twice.	1843/085

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Buck	Abraham	Fry	Benjamin	28	08	1843	Furious riding and driving without reins	Rd	PC Buck charged Fry with driving a horse and cart at a furious pace along Sadler Street. Furthermore, Fry was sitting in the cart and driving without reins or having someone on foot to control the horse. The case was dismissed on Fry paying the costs of 4/6d.	1843/086
Parsons	Joseph	Williams	George	29	08	1843	Absconding apprentice	Ab	Williams was apprenticed to Parsons Brushmakers in Wells. He had proved a difficult apprentice and had committed a number of misdemeanours, including failing to complete work and refusing to work. He had then absented himself from service without permission. Williams was sentenced to 14 days in prison in the House of Correction, to be given hard labour and to be whipped.	1843/087
Perry	Robert	Taylor	Betsey	30	08	1843	Hawking on a market day	Um	Perry was collector of market tolls. He charged Betsey Taylor, wife of Charles Taylor, a butcher, with hawking pork from door-to-door in Grove Lane on a market day. She had not paid the market toll and Grove Lane lay outside the approved area for a market.	1843/088
Perry	Robert	Cox	Betsey	01	09	1843	Hawking on a market day	Um	Perry was collector of market tolls. He charged Betsey Cox, wife of George Cox, a pork butcher, with hawking pork in Sadler Street on a market day. She refused to pay the market toll of 1/6d demanded by Perry and Sadler Street lay outside the approved area for a market.	1843/089
Watts	Henry	Cox	Thomas	02	09	1843	Assault	A	Watts, a yeoman from Chewton Mendip, claimed that Cox, a labourer, had assaulted him and struck him several violent blows about the head and face. The incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert.	1843/090

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George	Richard	Warrington Chapman Edghill	John John Robert	04	09	1843	Assault	A	George, a builder from East Wells, owned a house next to the Fountain Inn and it had been in his possession for about 10 years. It appears that Warrington and, perhaps, others, had broken the lock on the door and got into the house. George had become aware of the situation early in the day and seems to have threatened to come back and deal with Warrington later. Close to midnight, George came back, carrying an iron bar, and unable to open the door, used the bar to smash a window. Warrington, Chapman and Edghill (the first two labourers, the last a plaisterer) then came out and collared George. Chapman and Edghill held George, while Warrington hit him with a staff. In the scuffle George sustained injuries to his head, hands and thigh which required the attention of Henry Livett, surgeon. Warrington and Chapman were bailed in the sum of £100 to attend the hearing on 4 September. Testimony was provided by William Broad, publican of the Fountain Inn. Summons were also issued to Elizabeth Horsington, widow, and Hester Judd, wife of Henry Judd, cordwainer, but their testimony is not recorded.	1843/091
Willis	Thomas	Sage	Samuel	11	09	1843	Drunkenness	D	PC Willis charged Sage with being drunk in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert.	1843/092
Murrow	James	Phipps	Henry	13	09	1843	Assault	A	Murrow, a cabinet maker, had premises in Tucker Street. These were some distance from Phipps' house, but he came to Murrow's home and abused him in strong language. He then spat in Murrow's face three times. Murrow claimed to have offered no provocation. Phipps was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/6d or to spend 14 days in prison. The fine and costs were paid.	1843/093

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Miles	George	Blakemore	Henry	18	09	1843	Killing a pigeon	C	Miles, a poulterer, claimed that he had lost two young pigeons. Blakemore was seen by Ann Brine, a servant at The Swan, and William Tucker Oxley, a labourer, throwing a stone at a pigeon and following it into the Swan Tap. Oxley retrieved the dead pigeon and took it to Miles' wife. Miles claimed to recognise the pigeon as one of his. Blakemore was fined 5/-, with 1/- damages and 10/- costs, or 14 days in prison. According to an official return listing fines and penalties Blakemore did not pay the fine and was therefore committed to prison.	1843/094
Salmon	Selina	Coleman Blakemore	John Henry	18	09	1843	Petty trespass	Pt	Selina Salmon claimed that Coleman and Blakemore had forced their way into her house in Southover. They went into her bedroom, where Caroline Langmead was also sleeping. They then overturned the bedstead and broke the legs, also tearing a sheet. The value of the damage was estimated at 2/-. According to an official return listing fines and penalties Coleman and Blakemore were fined 1/- each. Coleman appears to have paid, but not Blakemore who appears to have been committed to prison.	1843/095
Bobbett	George	Sweet Ayres Webb	Samuel Richard Eli	19	09	1843	Assault	A	Bobbett, a labourer, claimed that the three defendants, all labourers, had approached him in a threatening and menacing manner, likely to provoke a breach of the peace. The case was settled without a hearing.	1843/096
Dudderidge	George Webb	Jacobs	Charles	19	09	1843	Vagrancy	V	PC Dudderidge was on duty in High Street where he saw Jacobs wandering about, begging and asking for alms. Dudderidge found evidence that Jacobs had been begging in different shops and had proved to be very abusive when asked to leave.	1843/097
Cardwell	Ann	Marshall	Charles	20	09	1843	Assault	A	Ann Cardwell, wife of Joseph Cardwell, a mason, claimed that Marshall, a labourer, had assaulted her, striking her several blows with his fists and tearing her cap to pieces. The incident took place in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert.	1843/098

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Plowman	John Belfour	Bartlett	William	22	09	1843	Theft	T	Bartlett, an employee of Plowman, was charged with the theft of tobacco, worsted cloth, whipcord and buttons from Plowman. He was to remain in custody until trial at the next Quarter Sessions.	1843/099
Oxley Oxley	Mary Matilda	Hayden Slater	Mary Mary	22	09	1843	Assault	A	Mary Oxley, wife of Matthew Oxley, labourer, had gone to the pump near her house for water. She became involved in an argument with Mary Hayden about the water. Mary Oxley claimed that Hayden had struck both her and her daughter, Matilda. Matilda herself claimed that she had had her hair pulled violently by Mary Slater as well as being hit in the face by Hayden.	1843/100
Perry	Robert	Vowles	William	22	09	1843	Non-payment of market toll	N	Perry was collector of market tolls. He claimed that Vowles had been making lamb / mutton available for sale at a Saturday market in the Market Place but had refused to pay the toll of 2/- which he had requested. The case seems not to have been pursued.	1843/101
Somers	Samuel	Swanton	John	25	09	1843	Cruelty to animals	C	PC Somers charged Swanton with cruelly beating a horse and an ass in the Liberty of St Andrew. Swanton was discharged on payment of the costs of 2/6d.	1843/102
Chapman	John	Rich Rich Rich	John Sarah Mary Ann	25	09	1843	Assault	A	Chapman, a labourer, had been in the house of the Rich family and he complained that Rich, also a labourer, and his daughters had threatened to beat out his brains with a poker that Rich had in his hands. They had then bundled him unceremoniously out of the house. The case was dismissed.	1843/103
Collins	William	Wickham	John	28	09	1843	Assault	A	Collins, a labourer, claimed that Wickham, also a labourer, had assaulted him by seizing the whip from his hand and threatening to hit him with it. The incident took place in the Liberty of St Andrew. The case was settled without a hearing.	1843/104

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Creedy	Emma	Brookman	Frederick	30	09	1843	Assault	A	Creedy, a widow residing in the In Parish of St Cuthbert, complained that Brookman, a baker, had struck her twice with a broom, once in the face and once on the arm. William Parfitt, a labourer, testified that he had seen Brookman strike Mrs Creedy twice, while William Ash, a miller, stated that he had seen Brookman using the broom simply to fend off Mrs Creedy during the squabble that was going on between them. According to an official return listing fines and penalties Brookman was fined 5/- for this offence and he appears to have paid the fine.	1843/105
Davis	Mary Ann	Everdell	Robert	04	10	1843	Assault	A	Mary Ann Davis, wife of John Davis, lived in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. John Chapman and Everdell, both labourers, turned up at her home early in the morning in order to apply a distress order to recover rent arrears. They did not show any written authority to exercise such an order. Mary Ann Davis had only just got out of bed when the two men forced their way into her bedroom. Chapman left the room in order to fetch something and Mrs Davis requested that Everdell should also leave the room. When he did so, she closed the door, but he immediately pushed it open, came back into the room and struck her near the eye with his fist. Everdell was fined £1.15s.0d with costs of 5/-, the sum of £2.0s.0d to be paid immediately or to go to prison for 2 calendar months. Everdell apparently went to prison, but Mary Ann Davis then wrote a short note granting forgiveness to Everdell for his actions. On the basis of this note the magistrates issued an order instructing the governor of the prison to release Everdell.	1843/106
Kerry	John	Howard	Ann	07	10	1843	Breach of the peace	Dp	Kerry, an innkeeper, complained that Ann Howard, wife of William Howard, a stone mason, had caused a breach of the peace. The case was dismissed.	1843/107

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Russell	Thomas	Hodges	Thomas	14	10	1843	Assault	A	Russell, a butcher, complained that Hodges, a pensioner, had struck him a violent blow in the face. The incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert.	1843/108
Dudderidge	George Webb	Bennett	William	16	10	1843	Drunkenness	D	PC Dudderidge charged Bennett with being drunk in a public place. Bennett was found guilty and fined 5/-; the fine was recorded as paid. There are no case documents. The information has been obtained from an official return listing fines and penalties where some or all of the fine was payable to the churchwardens of St Cuthberts (see 1843/129).	1843/108a
Baller	Richard Clarke	Helliar Willey	Jane Elizabeth	20	10	1843	Petty trespass	Pt	Baller was the master of the Wells Union workhouse. Helliar and Willey were inmates who were seen throwing stones at the windows in the workhouse. Two panes of glass were broken with Baller estimating the cost of the damage at 15/-. The defendants were fined 15/- with costs of 5/- to be paid immediately or to go to prison for 2 calendar months with hard labour. According to an official return listing fines and penalties neither of the defendants paid the fine and both were therefore committed to prison.	1843/109
Pitman	John	Durbin	James	20	10	1843	Non-payment of market toll	N	Pitman was the collector of tolls at the Southover gate. He claimed that Durbin, servant of James Selway, yeoman of Redlake Farm, had passed through the toll gate with a horse and cart and refused to pay the toll due of four and a half pence.	1843/110
Buck	Abraham	Jones	John	04	11	1843	Theft	T	PC Buck arrested Jones on a charge of theft based upon information received. Buck searched the house in Southover where Jones was arrested and found a hock of pork which Jones claimed was his property. Buck asked for Jones to be remanded in custody until he had sufficient evidence to press charges. Jones was eventually discharged due to lack of evidence.	1843/111

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Hodges	Thomas	Hunt Murray	William Thomas	10	11	1843	Assault	A	Hodges, described as a labourer, had gone into the Full Moon public house in Southover with his wife. Hunt and Murray were both already there with the former in an aggressive mood. Both Hunt and then Murray struck Hodges - and then his wife. The defendants were fined 10/- each with costs of 7/6d or to be sent to prison. According to an official return listing fines and penalties neither of the defendants paid the fines imposed and both were therefore committed to prison.	1843/112
Clements	Elizabeth	Clements	John	10	11	1843	Assault	A	Elizabeth Clements complained that her husband, John, a labourer, had assaulted her and struck her a violent blow in the face. John Clements was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/6d, all to be paid immediately or to serve 14 days in prison at Shepton Mallet. Clements appears to have paid the fine.	1843/113
Sweet	Henry	Veale	James	13	11	1843	Assault	A	Sweet, a labourer, claimed that he was walking along Sadler Street when he encountered Veale. Veale had already taken off his jacket and as Sweet was walking past him, he knocked off Sweet's hat and struck him in the chest with his fist. Veale was fined 3/- with costs of 9/6d, all to be paid immediately or to serve 14 days in prison at Shepton Mallet. Veale paid the fine imposed on him.	1843/114

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Cord	George	Simmons	John	14	11	1843	Assault	A	Cord, a resident of the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, claimed that he was assaulted by Simmons as he drove his horse and cart laden with fruit along High Street. Cord complained that as he drove past Simmons, the latter deliberately upset his cart and then grabbed Cord himself by his neckerchief and threatened to strangle him. Several witnesses came forward to testify; two claimed to see the beginning of the incident and suggested Cord had struck Simmons first and that Simmons upset the cart because he was caught in some way in the wheel; two others claimed that they had seen Simmons holding Cord by the neck and attempting to throttle him. The witnesses were: Richmond Hill, labourer; Robert Foster, labourer; Eli Willcox, labourer and Elizabeth Cook, wife of William Cook, a thatcher from Wookey.	1843/115
Baller	Richard Clarke	Attwood	John	16	11	1843	Desertion of family	Ds	Baller was master of Wells Union workhouse. Mary Ann Attwood and her 2 children had come into the workhouse in June on a removal order from Southampton. On November 15 Mary Ann Attwood and her family left the workhouse for the purpose of joining John Attwood, her husband. However, by the evening they had returned and were now chargeable to the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. Baller claimed that John Attwood was fully capable of maintaining his family by working and had simply deserted them, leaving the community to support them.	1843/116
Fidler	John	Brown	William	25	11	1843	Fraud	Fr	Fidler, a labourer, complained that Brown, a publican, had given him a dud half crown, but then refused to change it for a good one.	1843/117

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Buck	Abraham	Howlett Bowell	Joel Edwin	05	12	1843	Breach of the peace	Dp	PC Buck was on duty in Tucker Street where he found Howlett and Bowell, stripped to the waist and fighting, causing considerable disturbance and tumult. He stated that both men were notoriously quarrelsome persons and requested that they be bound over in their own recognizances to keep the peace. The magistrates subsequently recommended that this be the case, but there is no indication of the amount of surety to be put forward or the duration of the bond. Bowell is shown in the summons as being 'Edwin' but in Buck's statement as being 'Sidney'. These are two different people.	1843/118
Brooks	Benjamin	Hamilton	John	11	12	1843	Petty trespass	Pt	Hamilton was arrested for begging and taken to the City gaol on a charge of vagrancy to await a hearing with the magistrates. Before Hamilton's case was heard, Brooks, the keeper of the City gaol, testified that Hamilton had deliberately broken 22 panes of glass. The estimated cost of the damage was 18/-. Hamilton was duly fined 18/- with costs of 7/6d, all to be paid immediately or to serve 2 calendar months in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. As Hamilton was clearly unable to pay, the prison sentence became applicable.	1843/119
Buck	Abraham	Hannay James	William George	13	12	1843	Drunkenness	D	PC Buck charged Hannay and James, both labourers, with being drunk on a Sunday morning in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. The cases appear to have been settled on payment of 3/-.	1843/120
Morris	William Elvins	Goodfellow	George	20	12	1843	Fraud	Fr	Morris, an excise officer, asserted that Goodfellow, a licensed postmaster, had committed a fraud by declaring an incorrect amount of duty in respect of a transaction carried out under his licence. Morris claimed that, in September 1843, Goodfellow had hired a horse to Vaughan Day for which he had charged the sum of 14/-. The duty payable on that sum was 2/6d but in his return Goodfellow had recorded the duty payable as only 9d. Goodfellow was found guilty and fined £5 with costs of 10/-.	1843/121

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Morris	William Elvins	Goodfellow	George	20	12	1843	Fraud	Fr	Morris, an excise officer, asserted that Goodfellow, a licensed postmaster, had committed a fraud by declaring an incorrect amount of duty in respect of a transaction carried out under his licence. Morris claimed that, in September 1843, Goodfellow had hired a horse to John Thomas for which he had charged the sum of 6/-. The duty payable on that sum was 1/2d but in his return Goodfellow had recorded the duty payable as only 7d. Goodfellow was found guilty and fined £5 with costs of 10/-.	1843/122
Morris	William Elvins	Goodfellow	George	20	12	1843	Fraud	Fr	Morris, an excise officer, asserted that Goodfellow, a licensed postmaster, had committed a fraud by declaring an incorrect amount of duty in respect of a transaction carried out under his licence. Morris claimed that, in September 1843, Goodfellow had hired a horse to George Beaven for which he had charged the sum of 10/-. The duty payable on that sum was 2/- but in his return Goodfellow had recorded the duty payable as only 7d. Goodfellow was found guilty and fined £5 with costs of 10/-.	1843/123
Parker	Farnham	Hippisley	George	27	12	1843	Drunkenness	D	Parker (possibly a police constable, but not specified as such) charged Hippisley with being drunk in a public place. Hippisley was found guilty and fined 5/-; the fine was recorded as paid. There are no case documents. The information has been obtained from an official return listing fines and penalties where some or all of the fine was payable to the churchwardens of St Cuthberts (see 1843/129).	1843/123a
Parfitt	William	Sims Brown	William Thomas	28	12	1843	Assault	A	Parfitt, a shoemaker, claimed that he had been assaulted and struck by Sims and Brown, both described as labourers. The incident had taken place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. The case was shown as being settled.	1843/124
Richards	John	Batson	Richard	29	12	1843	Assault	A	Richards, a plumber and glazier, claimed that Batson, a labourer, had struck him a violent blow in the face. The incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert.	1843/125

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Dudderidge	George Webb	Watson Merry	John John	30	12	1843	Vagrancy	V	PC Dudderidge reported that he had found Watson and Merry begging from door to door in High Street.	1843/126
Somers	Samuel	Stallard	Sophia	30	12	1843	Theft of a watch	T	PC Somers had arrested Stallard on a potential charge of stealing a watch belonging to George Hippisley. He had insufficient evidence to bring forward a formal charge, so requested that Stallard be remanded in custody to allow him time to carry out further investigation. The prisoner was discharged.	1843/127
[Justices]		[Various]		31	12	1843	List of fines and penalties	*	List of fines and penalties from 31st December 1842 to 31st December 1843. Official return	1843/128
[Justices]		[Various]		31	12	1843	List of fines and penalties	*	List of fines and penalties covering the period from 31 December 1842 to 31 December 1843 where some or all of the fine was payable to the churchwardens of St Cuthberts. Official return.	1843/129

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Buck	Abraham	Loxton Spurle	John William Bush	01	01	1844	Theft	T	PC Buck arrested Loxton and Spurle on a charge of stealing some brass fittings. However, he had insufficient evidence to prove his case and requested that the prisoners be remanded until the next day. His request was granted.	1844/001
Hayden	Stephen	Lockyer	Charles	02	01	1844	Assault	A	Hayden had been out on Christmas Day ringing handbells with 3 friends, Barnard, Jenkins and Lukins. When they knocked on Lockyer's door in the Out Parish of St. Cuthbert, Lockyer came to the door with a red-hot poker in his hand and thrust it into Hayden's face. Hayden stepped back and was unharmed. Lockyer, a carrier, was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/-. Lockyer is recorded as having paid the fine.	1844/002

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Sage	Samuel	Russell	Thomas	05	01	1844	Assault	A	Sage, a labourer, claimed that he had gone into the Three Kings Inn where he encountered Russell, a butcher, who immediately began cursing him and using very offensive language. Sage turned around and left the pub, to be followed by Russell, who struck him, knocked him down twice and kicked him. Sage's version of events was supported by Stephen Fish, labourer, and George Nowell, ostler at the Three Kings Inn. Russell was fined 5/- with costs of 10/- or to serve 14 days in prison. Russell is recorded as having paid the fine imposed.	1844/003
Crese	George	Smart	William	06	01	1844	Petty trespass	Pt	Smart, a labourer, appears to have been arrested for drunkenness and taken to the prison at Wells (managed by Benjamin Brooks). Crese was a guard from Shepton Mallet gaol who was at Wells prison to take charge of the prisoners brought there for the Quarter Sessions. Crese saw Smart deliberately break 3 panes of glass to the value of 3/- and damage a tin bucket to the value of 2/-. Smart was fined 5/- with costs of 5/- to be paid immediately. In default, he was to serve 21 days in Shepton Mallet with hard labour. Smart defaulted and was sent to prison. Surname of plaintiff should possibly have been 'Crease'?	1844/004
Somers	Samuel	Maggs	George	10	01	1844	Leaving horse and cart unattended	Rd	PC Somers charged Maggs, a labourer from Chewton Mendip, with leaving a horse and an empty cart unattended for a lengthy period in Sadler Street, i.e. longer than was needed to load or unload the vehicle. The defendant was discharged on payment of the costs of the case.	1844/005

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Allen	William	Moyston	John	10	01	1844	Assault	A	Allen, a plasterer (or plaisterer as described in the documents), claimed that Moyston, a labourer, had attacked him in the Market Place. Moyston had supposedly abused Allen and then tried to pull his purse. When Allen pushed his hand away, Moyston then struck him a blow in the face and kicked him in the back. Moyston was fined 1/- with costs of 8/- or to spend 7 days in prison. According to an official return Moyston paid the fine.	1844/006
Dudderidge	George Webb	Brown	Joseph	10	01	1844	Leaving horse and cart unattended	Rd	PC Dudderidge charged Brown, a labourer from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, with leaving a horse and laden cart unattended for a lengthy period in High Street, i.e. longer than was necessary to load or unload the vehicle. The defendant was discharged on payment of costs of 4/6d.	1844/007
Horsey	Edward Newbury	Perham	John	11	01	1844	Absconding from apprenticeship	Ab	Perham had been apprenticed to Horsey, a tailor, by an indenture from Wells Blue School. Perham had been a difficult apprentice and had run away on several occasions only to be returned by his parents. On this occasion he had absconded on Christmas Eve and had now been brought back by an aunt from Clevedon. Horsey had pardoned his previous offences but now pressed charges against his apprentice. Perham was sentenced to 10 days in prison with hard labour and to be whipped.	1844/008
Dudderidge	George Webb	Dix	James	15	01	1844	Theft	T	PC Dudderidge saw Dix in the Market Place at the shop window of Smith's Grocers. He was being accused of having stolen something from the shop window and ran off. Dudderidge followed and caught Dix in the yard of The George. At Dix's feet he found some grapes and nearby a pack of butter. Dudderidge cautioned Dix and released him, but then discovered that the butter had been stolen from the shop of Mrs Boyce in High Street. Dudderidge then applied for a warrant to arrest Dix.	1844/009

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White	Mary Ann	Pearce	Eliza	16	01	1844	Assault	A	Mary Ann White, wife of Robert White, tailor, claimed that she was walking down Southover and as she passed the door of George Pearce, labourer, Pearce's wife, Eliza, threw a quantity of water over her. Eliza Pearce also supposedly said "you nasty stinking whore, if I had water enough, I would drown you". White said that she had never spoken to Pearce before. Pearce was fined 1/- with costs of 8/- or to serve 7 days in prison. Pearce appears to have paid the fine imposed.	1844/010
Ashman	William	Spring	Robert	17	01	1844	Fraudulent removal of goods to prevent distraint	Rg	Ashman was the landlord of a property in Grove Lane that was occupied by Spring, a tailor. Spring owed Ashman money in rent arrears and, according to Ashman, had fraudulently and clandestinely removed assets from the property in order to prevent them being seized as part of a distress order aimed at recovering the arrears of rent. Note: the case header document shows the plaintiff to be 'Badman' whereas all other references show 'Ashman'.	1844/011
Nipper	Joseph	Fry	Francis	23	01	1844	Assault	A	Nipper, a farmer from Mark, had come into Wells for the market and had decided to stay overnight at the Three Kings Inn where Fry was the landlord. Nipper claimed that Fry insisted on having a payment in advance of half a sovereign and refused to provide a bill. Nipper claimed that Fry had his shoes and hat as security but still insisted on advance payment. Nipper then claimed that Fry had assaulted him, threw him down and dragged him around by the shirt collar until he paid the half sovereign. Rebecca Lucas, a servant at the inn, stated that Fry had simply helped a somewhat intoxicated Nipper to bed. The case was dismissed.	1844/012

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Langley	Elizabeth	Hutton	James	24	01	1844	Assault	A	Elizabeth Langley, a single woman, claimed that she had been assaulted by Hutton, a labourer resident in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. Langley and Hutton had both been in the yard of The George and she had followed him as he made his way out to the door of Mrs Shyers. As Langley made to follow him inside he struck her, knocked her down and jumped on her. Langley's testimony then revealed that she had been living with Hutton for 18 months but the pair were not married. Hutton was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-, or, failing immediate payment, to serve 14 days in prison. It appears that Hutton paid the fine imposed.	1844/013
Fry	John	Mullins	James	27	01	1844	Petty trespass	Pt	Fry, a gardener, claimed that Mullins, a labourer, had deliberately damaged a lock on the door of his (Fry's) property in the In Parish of St Cuthbert.	1844/014
Somers	Samuel	Baker	John	06	02	1844	Vagrancy & begging	V	PC Somers took the document shown (a begging petition) from two men in Wells. The petition is dated 6 February and supposedly originated in the Parish of Ilminster whereby a number of concerned citizens had allegedly created the petition to help John Baker recover from the loss of his property / business to a fire on 4 February and to enable him to support his wife and 5 boys. The petition contains two lists of names of individuals who were said to have subscribed money to Baker's cause.	1844/015
Thorley	Robert	Pike	Robert	29	02	1844	Fraudulently claiming benefit	Fr	Thorley, the relieving officer of the parish of St Cuthbert, stated that Pike, of the In Parish of St Cuthbert, had recently run away and been recaptured - but was perfectly capable of supporting himself and his family by working. By implication, he should not be in receipt of charity from the parish.	1844/016

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Perry	Robert	Frith	Richard	01	03	1844	Evading market toll	Um	Perry was the toll collector for Wells. He claimed that Frith, a farmer from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, had been selling butter from the yard of the White Hart Inn, a place that was not licensed for market trading, and that therefore Frith had not paid the appropriate market toll. The case was dismissed with Frith paying the required toll and the costs of the case.	1844/017a
Perry	Robert	Wilkins	Edwin	01	03	1844	Evading market toll	Um	Perry was the toll collector for Wells. He claimed that Wilkins, a farmer from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, had been selling butter from the yard of the White Hart Inn, a place that was not licensed for market trading, and that therefore Wilkins had not paid the appropriate market toll. The case was dismissed with Wilkins paying the required toll and the costs of the case.	1844/017b
Baller	Richard Clarke	Gibbons	Charles	12	03	1844	Refusing to work	Rw	Baller was the master of the Wells Union workhouse. Gibbons was a pauper being maintained at the expense of the In Parish of St Cuthbert. Baller ordered Gibbons to break stones in the workhouse yard. Gibbons, although said to be fit and able-bodied and with strength well suited to the task assigned, refused to carry out the work. In addition, he threatened to attack the porter with a hammer when the porter was instructed to take Gibbons to the workhouse yard in order to begin work. Gibbons was sentenced to 21 days in prison with hard labour.	1844/018
Buck	Abraham	Moyston	John	15	03	1844	Breach of the peace	Dp	PC Buck charged Moyston, a labourer from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, with a breach of the peace for challenging a man named Adams to a fight. Moyston was potentially to be ordered to put forward sureties and be bound over to keep the peace for a certain period of time.	1844/019

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Champeny	Stephen	Pearce	Eliza	16	03	1844	Theft	T	<p>Champeny, a farmer from Theale near Wedmore, claimed that he bought a looking glass at a sale run by Charles Goodfellow. He then stored the looking glass in a cupboard in the sale room for a short period. He noticed a woman standing close to the cupboard when he put the looking glass in and a short time afterwards he discovered that the looking glass had gone. PC Dudderidge was given a description of the woman and identified her as Eliza Pearce, whose husband, John, dealt in glass and pottery. PC Dudderidge followed Pearce and found that he sold a looking glass to Sarah Elson, wife of George Elson. This glass was produced in evidence against Eliza Pearce and Champeny claimed it was similar to his purchase but did not recognise the brass knobs on it. In her defence Eliza Pearce claimed that she had bought the looking glass sold to Sarah Elson from a travelling salesman when her husband was away from home.</p> <p>Note: In case 1844/010 Eliza Pearce has a husband named George. Are there two women called Eliza Pearce?</p>	1844/020
Foster	George	Emery Budge	Edwin ?	20	03	1844	Petty trespass	Pt	<p>Foster, a labourer of the In Parish of St Cuthbert, claimed that Emery and Budge had wilfully damaged a door to his property and had also pulled of the masonry adjacent to the door. The cost of the damage was estimated at 4/-.</p>	1844/021
Baller	Richard Clarke	Smith	John	22	03	1844	Petty trespass	Pt	<p>Baller was the master of the Wells Union workhouse. Smith was a vagrant who had recently entered the workhouse. According to Baller and Allen, another inmate, Smith took a poker and deliberately broke three panes of glass and damaged the frame. He also threatened to break every window in the workhouse unless he was brought soem food. Smith was fined 3/6d with costs of 7/6d to be paid immediately or to serve 21 days in prison with hard labour. According to an official return Smith did not pay the fine imposed and was therefore committed to prison.</p>	1844/022

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Somers	Samuel	Roddo	James	25	03	1844	Vagrancy & begging	V	PC Somers arrested Roddo for vagrancy and begging in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. Roddo carried a begging letter which claimed that he was a tradesman from Camborne in Cornwall who had fallen on hard times because a bad leg had prevented him from working. He was attempting to get back to support his wife and 2 small children in Cornwall but his money had run out. He was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1844/023
Dudderidge	George Webb	Rich Rich	Aaron Sarah	25	03	1844	Theft	T	PC Dudderidge saw the defendants in High Street between 8 and 9 o'clock on a Saturday evening, He felt that they were acting suspiciously and chose to apprehend them. He then visited their lodgings and found goods that he believed had been stolen. He asked for the prisoners to be remanded in custody in order to have time to produce definitive evidence. The prisoners were remanded until the Thursday morning.	1844/024
Fry	Charlotte	Lockyear	Charles	29	03	1844	Assault	A	Charlotte Fry, wife of David Fry, a labourer from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, heard her husband arguing with Lockyear in the garden. She went out to see what was going on and claimed that Lockyear used abusive language to her. She responded and he then struck her a blow to the side of the head. She denied having put a candle in Lockyear's face before he struck her and her testimony was supported by Joseph Cardwell, a neighbour. Lockyear was fined 6d with costs of 9/- or 14 days in prison. It appears that Lockyear paid the fine imposed.	1844/025
Bush	?	Stark	James	06	04	1844	Unknown	?	The sole document for this case is a scrawled set of notes from one or more interviews. There is no indication as to the charge or accusation, but Stark appears to have walked from Bath to Bristol to Wells and there appears to have been an issue regarding 3 pistols, supposedly purchased from a Mr Woolf of Bridge Street for 5/-.	1844/026

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Sweet	Charles	Crandon Moyston	William John	08	04	1844	Assault	A	Sweet, a labourer, claimed that he had been assaulted by Crandon and Moyston, both labourers. The assault had taken place in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert.	1844/027
Sweet	Elizabeth	Crandon	William	08	04	1844	Assault	A	Elizabeth Sweet of the Out Parish of St Cuthbert had gone into the Exmouth Inn in order to get her brother, Charles, to come home. She stated that Crandon, a labourer, was also there and when she went to talk to her brother, Crandon grabbed her, hit her and pulled up her clothes. Crandon failed to appear at the hearing and a warrant for his arrest was issued. He was subsequently fined 20/- with costs of 9/6d or to serve 1 calendar month in prison at Shepton Mallet. According to an official return Crandon did not pay the fine and was therefore committed to prison.	1844/027a
Baller	Richard Clarke	Serrell	Emanuel	09	04	1844	Petty trespass	Pt	Baller was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Serrell appears to have been in and out of the workhouse since 1841. He last left the workhouse on 8 April but was returned to it that same evening in a seriously drunken condition. He then proceeded to damage the window in his ward by throwing his shoes through the glass, breaking 11 panes with a value estimated at 10/-. Serrell was fined 10/- with costs of 5/-, all to be paid immediately, or to serve 2 calendar months in prison at Shepton Mallet with hard labour. According to an official return Serrell did not pay the fine and was therefore committed to prison.	1844/028
Board of Guardians		Creighton	Alexander	17	04	1844	Theft	T	The Board of Guardians of Wells Union workhouse accused Creighton, a labourer of Keward, of having removed a quantity of earth which was said to be their property.	1844/029
Hutchings	William	Norris	William	18	04	1844	Assault	A	Hutchings, an ostler, claimed that Norris, a labourer, had attacked him and struck him several times in the face. The incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. The case was shown as settled.	1844/030

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Somerville	John Somerville	Boulton	?	06	05	1844	Wilful damage	Wd	John Targett, coachman to John Somerville Somerville, had parked his master's carriage in High Street by Mr Ball's the stationers. Boulton, a brick and tile maker from Glastonbury, had driven his waggon down High Street and, in attempting to force his way between another parked waggon and Somerville's carriage, he had damaged the carriage. Targett claimed that the damage was done wilfully and maliciously. The case is marked 'Not used' so the charge was presumably dropped.	1844/031
Wallen	Mary	Smith	William	07	05	1844	Assault	A	Mary Wallen claimed that William Smith, a labourer, had assaulted her and struck her several times on the head. The wife of William Badman was also summoned as a witness. The plaintiff apparently did not turn up for the hearing.	1844/032
Jesse	Mary	Bendall	Eliza	08	05	1844	Assault	A	Mary Jesse, wife of Thomas Jesse, a labourer from Wookey, claimed that Eliza Bendall, wife of carpenter Robert Bendall, had struck her a violent blow in the face. The case was recorded as settled, presumably without a hearing.	1844/033
Andrews	?	Foster	Robert	08	05	1844	Non-payment of church rates	N	Foster, a labourer, was accused of non-payment of church rates. The amount at issue was 1/6d.	1844/034
Andrews	?	Creighton	Alexander	08	05	1844	Non-payment of church rates	N	Creighton, a labourer, was accused of non-payment of church rates. The amount at issue was 1/6d.	1844/035
Peddle	Harriett	Peddle	George	09	05	1844	Assault	A	Harriett Peddle claimed that she had been walking down Silver Street when she encountered her brother, George, who knocked her down and beat her head against a window shutter. She alleged that she had heard her brother say that he was going to throw their father into the river and she dared him to do so. Apparently it was after this exchange that he struck her. Harriett Peddle also stated that she saw her mother down, but she did not see her brother do it.; see also 1844/037. George Peddle was fined 20/- with costs of 7/6d to be paid immediately or to serve 14 days in prison. According to an official return Peddle paid the fine imposed.	1844/036

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Peddle	Sarah	Peddle	George	09	05	1844	Assault	A	Sarah Peddle was the wife of Cornelius Peddle, carpenter, and the mother of Harriett and George Peddle. She stated that she had been in Silver Street when her son George came out of his house and deliberately knocked her down. She claimed that she had not spoken to her son for some time and had not said anything to him before he knocked her down; specifically she had not called him a rogue or a thief. Sarah Peddle also reported the attack on her daughter (see also 1844/036). The case notes show that George Peddle was fined 20/- with costs of 7/6d to be paid immediately or to serve 14 days in prison. This fine appears to be separate from and additional to the fine imposed in case 1844/036. Peddle appears to have paid this second fine of 20/- and, presumably, the associated costs.	1844/037
Weare	Joseph	Saunders	John	11	05	1844	Assault	A	Weare, a labourer from Meare, claimed that he had gone into the Big Market off High Street and had been followed by Saunders, also a labourer. He alleged that Saunders told him to get out or he would beat him out and then attacked him with a broom handle, knocking him down and beating him while he lay there. Weare claimed that he had said nothing to provoke the attack. Saunders was fined 10/- with costs of 8/- to be paid immediately or to serve 21 days in prison. According to an official return Saunders did not pay the fine and was therefore committed to prison.	1844/038
Dudderidge	George Webb	Sweet	John	13	05	1844	Drunkenness	D	Sweet, a labourer, had been seen drunk in Tucker Street around 6 o'clock in the evening. James Barnard and William Maule were to be summoned as witnesses to Sweet's condition; testimony was obtained from the latter. Sweet was fined 5/-. According to an official list of fines and penalties, the fine seems not to have been paid (see 1847/075).	1844/039

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Perry	Robert	Green	George	13	05	1844	Non-payment of market toll	N	PC Dudderidge noted that Green, a labourer, had brought a stallion into the Market Place on a market day and was displaying it for sale. He had not paid the appropriate market toll and when Perry, the collector of tolls, demanded the fee of 2/-, Green refused and continued to display the horse for sale. Green was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/6d and was ordered to pay the toll of 2/-. Green is recorded as having paid the fine imposed.	1844/040
[Justices]		[Various]		13	05	1844	List of fines and penalties	*	List of fines and penalties. Actually there is only one entry in this document and it relates to case 1844/040. However, the document claims to cover the period from 1st March 1844 to 31st December 1845 - this is clearly not the case and the document presumably represents an initial draft only. The other cases referred to in this document are held under references 1847/001 and 1847/032.	1844/040a
Isgrove	Caroline	Isgrove	Joseph	16	05	1844	Assault	A	Caroline Isgrove was the wife of Joseph Isgrove, labourer, and they lived in Bull Lane. She stated that her husband had come home drunk, assaulted her, grabbed her by the throat and threatened to beat her brains out. A day or two earlier he had beaten her around the head until her nose bled. She claimed that she feared for her life and asked for protection. Joseph Isgrove was fined 10/- with costs of 7/6d to be paid immediately or to go to prison for 1 calendar month. According to an official return Isgrove failed to pay the fine and was therefore committed to prison.	1844/041
Dudderidge	George Webb	Rees	George	17	05	1844	Desertion from Royal Marines	M	PC Dudderidge arrested Rees as a deserter and Rees admitted the charge. He had enlisted two years before in Swansea but had deserted from Plymouth. Rees was described as 23, 5'9" in height with brown hair and hazel eyes. He was remanded to Shepton Mallet prison and to remain there until handed over to the military authorities.	1844/042

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Lockyer	Charles	Fry	David	21	05	1844	Petty trespass	Pt	Lockyer, a carrier from East Wells, complained that Fry, a labourer, had deliberately damaged two sections of post and rail fencing which formed part of the railing of his (Lockyer's) yard. See 1844/025 for an earlier case involving the same families.	1844/043
Brown	Mary Ann	Brown	Thomas	29	05	1844	Assault	A	Mary Ann Brown, wife of John Brown, carpenter, had gone to the Bull's Head, where her husband was drinking, in order to fetch him home. In the pub she was abused by Thomas Brown, also a carpenter, who struck her several times, including one which struck (probably by accident) the infant she held in her arms. Thomas Brown, whose relationship to the plaintiff was not specified, was fined 1/- with costs of 7/6d to be paid immediately or to serve 14 days in prison. According to an official return Brown appears to have paid the fine imposed.	1844/044
Willis	Thomas	Hunt	Henry	29	05	1844	Drunkenness	D	PC Willis charged Henry Hunt with being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. He admitted the offence and was discharged on payment of 1/-.	1844/045
Willis	Thomas	Hunt	William	29	05	1844	Drunkenness	D	PC Willis charged William Hunt with being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. He admitted the offence and was discharged on payment of 1/-.	1844/046
Cox	Charles	Counsell	Jane	03	06	1844	Riotous and indecent conduct	Dp	Cox complained that in the street known as East Wells Jane Counsell acted as a common prostitute. She and another woman were heard talking to 2 men and using indecent and improper language. In addition, she did not wear a bonnet or cap and created a disturbance in the street. Counsell was sentenced to one calendar month in prison.	1844/047
Baller	Richard Clarke	Ingram	John	04	06	1844	Leaving family chargeable to the parish	Ds	Baller was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Ingram left his wife and family chargeable to the Out Parish of St Cuthbert in 1841. They had been maintained by the parish since that date. Baller claimed that Ingram was able-bodied and capable of maintaining his family by work. Ingram was sentenced as an idle and disorderly person to one calendar month in prison with hard labour.	1844/048

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Baller	Richard Clarke	Helliar	Jane	06	06	1844	Misbehaviour in the workhouse	Dp	Baller was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Helliar was a pauper inmate of the workhouse who was maintained at the expense of the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. She was accused of riotous conduct and causing a great disturbance during a divine service. Helliar was sentenced to 21 days in prison at Shepton Mallet with hard labour. According to an official return Willey failed to pay the fine imposed and was therefore committed to prison for 2 months.	1844/049
Baller	Richard Clarke	Willey	Elizabeth	06	06	1844	Petty trespass	Pt	Baller was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Willey was an inmate who was put in solitary confinement as a result of her bad behaviour. She then wilfully damaged the door to the room in which she was confined; the estimated value of the damage was 3/-. Willey was sentenced to 2 calendar months in prison at Shepton Mallet with hard labour.	1844/050
White	William	Milton	William	15	06	1844	Evading turnpike toll	N	White was the lessee of the Portway toll gate on the Wells to Highbridge turnpike. He claimed that Milton, a labourer from Easton, had driven a horse and cart along a private lane near to the turnpike (a lane over which he had no rights as owner or occupier) and avoided paying the toll.	1844/051
Veale	William	Moore	John	17	06	1844	Drunkenness	D	Veale accused Moore, a labourer, of being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert.	1844/052
Somers	Samuel	Willcox	Adam	24	06	1844	Drunkenness	D	PC Somers charged Willcox with drunkenness. Willcox was found guilty and fined 5/- which was recorded as paid. There are no case documents. The information for this entry is derived from an official return listing fines and penalties where some or all of the fine was payable to the churchwardens (see 1847/075).	1844/052a

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Buck	Abraham	Taylor	William	26	06	1844	Selling illegal brandy	N	PC Buck arrested Taylor, a labourer, for selling illegal liquor, in this case, brandy, to James Sheppard, a shop owner in Tucker Street. Sheppard had been approached by Taylor and bought half a pint of the spirit for fifteen pence. Once the transaction was completed, Buck, acting on information received, impounded the sample sold to Sheppard and arrested Taylor. Taylor was fined £25 with costs of 7/6d to be paid immediately. Taylor was unable to pay and was sentenced to 3 months in prison with hard labour.	1844/053
White	William	Crandon	Alfred	29	06	1844	Evading turnpike toll	N	White was the lessee of the Portway toll gate on the Wells to Highbridge turnpike. He claimed that Crandon, a labourer from Wedmore, had driven a horse and cart laden with turf along a private lane near to the turnpike (a lane over which he had no rights as owner or occupier) and avoided paying the toll.	1844/054
Giffard	Henry	Loxton Dredge	Richard Frederick	01	07	1844	Theft of apples from an orchard	T	Henry Giffard Esq. claimed that Loxton and Dredge, both described as labourers, had stolen a quantity of apples from an orchard called Golding's of which he was the owner; the orchard was located in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert.	1844/055
Buck	Abraham	Crandon Sperrin	Frederick James	01	07	1844	Breach of the peace	Dp	PC Buck charged Crandon and Sperrin with committing a breach of the peace in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. The defendants were discharged on payment of the case costs.	1844/056
Moon	John	Robins	James	06	07	1844	Assault	A	Moon, a labourer, accused Robins, also a labourer, of assaulting him and striking him several blows about the body. The supposed incident occurred in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. The case was settled without a hearing.	1844/057

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White	William	Duke	Frederick	08	07	1844	Evading turnpike toll	N	White was the lessee of the Portway toll gate on the Wells to Highbridge turnpike. He claimed that Duke, a labourer from Wedmore, had driven a horse and cart laden with turf along a private lane near to the turnpike (a lane over which he had no rights as owner or occupier) and avoided paying the toll. The lane in question appears to have been Burcott Lane which provided a direct cut through to Tucker Street.	1844/058
White	William	Patch	Ann	08	07	1844	Evading turnpike toll	N	White was the lessee of the Portway toll gate on the Wells to Highbridge turnpike. He claimed that Ann Patch, wife of George Patch, a labourer from Wedmore, had driven a horse and cart laden with turf along a private lane near to the turnpike (a lane over which she had no rights as owner or occupier) and avoided paying the toll.	1844/059
White	Edwin	Plowman	John	11	07	1844	Evading turnpike toll	N	Edwin White was the son of William White, the lessee of the Portway toll gate on the Wells to Highbridge turnpike. He claimed that Plowman, a labourer from Wookey, had driven a horse and cart along a private lane near to the turnpike (a lane over which he had no rights as owner or occupier) and avoided paying the toll of four pence. The defendant was discharged on payment of costs..	1844/060
Baller	Richard Clarke	Helliar	Jane	15	07	1844	Absconding from the workhouse	Ab	Baller was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Helliar was a pauper inmate who was chargeable to the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. All of her clothes were supplied by the workhouse with the result that, when she absconded, she was effectively accused of stealing its property, to wit, apron, gown, shirt, flannel, shift, stockings, shoes and stays. When she returned to the workhouse and was apprehended, she was sentenced to 3 months in prison (partly as a consequence of her previous record).	1844/061

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Perham	William	Creighton	Mary	17	07	1844	Assault	A	Perham , a labourer resident in Keward, claimed that he saw Mary Creighton, the wife of Alexander Creighton, a labourer, beating his sister. Perham went out and intervened, putting himself between his sister and Mary Creighton who struck him several times with a stick. He stated that she fell over while he was defending himself and did not strike her.	1844/062
Hewlett	Sarah	Phipps	Joseph	26	07	1844	Assault	A	Sarah Hewlett, wife of Joel Hewlett, a labourer, claimed that she had been assaulted, beaten and ill-treated by Joseph Phipps, also a labourer. The incident took place in the In Parish of St. Cuthbert.	1844/063
Dudderidge	George Webb	Nike	Ebenezer	05	08	1844	Drunkenness	D	PC Dudderidge was in Southover and found Nike to be drunk and causing a great commotion; he was also threatening to cut the throat of his wife. Nike was discharged on payment of costs of 2/-.	1844/064
Buck	Abraham	Sweet	John	09	08	1844	Drunkenness	D	PC Buck charged Sweet with drunkenness. Sweet was found guilty and fined 5/-; the fine appears not to have been paid. There are no case documents. The information is derived from a list of fines and penalties where some or all of the fine is payable to the churchwardens of St Cuthberts (see 1847/075).	1844/064a
Lawrence	John	Pike	Robert	13	08	1844	Theft	T	PC Dudderidge was investigating the theft of a hat, 2 handkerchiefs and the sum of ten shillings and ninepence halfpenny belonging to John Lawrence. On the basis of information received Dudderidge went to Pike's house accompanied by Lawrence. They found there the hat and one handkerchief which Lawrence recognised to be his property. The information on the case header document shows the defendant as 'Wyatt' rather than 'Pike', but this may be an error - see 1844/066 where the defendant is named 'Wyatt'.	1844/065

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Court	Elizabeth	Wyatt	John	13	08	1844	Assault	A	Elizabeth Court, a single woman, stated that she was walking around the Palace Moat with her brother when she was approached by Wyatt. She claimed that he asked her to go for a walk but she refused; he then offered her 1/- to go with him and when she refused he attacked her and struck her several violent blows on her body. Wyatt was convicted and fined 10/- with costs of 7/6d or to serve one calendar month in prison. Wyatt appears to have paid the fine imposed.	1844/066
Baller	Richard Clarke	Tucker Lacey	James Job	21	08	1844	Refusal to work	Rw	Baller was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Tucker and Lacey were labourers who had become inmates of the workhouse chargeable to the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. Since their admittance to the workhouse they had frequently been assigned work of breaking stones. However, on a particular day they had refused to undertake this work. They were sent to prison in Shepton Mallett for 14 days with hard labour.	1844/067
White	William	Crandon	Alfred	22	08	1844	Evading turnpike toll	N	White was the lessee of the Portway toll gate on the Wells to Highbridge turnpike. He claimed that Crandon, a labourer from Wedmore, had driven a horse and cart laden with turf along a private lane near to the turnpike (a lane over which he had no rights as owner or occupier) and avoided paying the toll. The summons - the only document available - appears to be a repeat of that issued on 29 June 1844 for an offence occurring on 28 June 1844 (see 1844/054). The case header indicates that Crandon was to be re-summoned for 7 October (rather than 26 August as shown in this summons).	1844/068
Perry	Robert	Cox	Betsey	24	08	1844	Hawking; non-payment of market toll	Um	Perry charged Betsey Cox, wife of George Cox, a butcher, with making meat (specifically, pork) available for public sale in the Market Place other than on a market day and without having paid the appropriate market toll. William Gullick and the wife of Charles Foxwell were also to be summoned as witnesses.	1844/069

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Williams	Joseph	Richards	William	11	09	1844	Unlawfully detaining a letter	T	Williams, a basket maker, claimed that Richards, also a basket maker, had taken possession of and detained a letter belonging to him (Williams) i.e. effectively theft of his property.	1844/070
Harvey	Mary Ann	Murrow	Charles	20	09	1844	Rape	R	Mary Ann Harvey, a single woman, stated that she had gone up to Stoberry to take dinner to Charles Murrow who was working there. When he had finished his dinner, she claimed that he had made a violent sexual assault on her and raped her, despite her resistance. The justices issued a warrant for Murrow's arrest. A note on the case header document appears to indicate that the offence took place outside the boundary of the Borough and therefore the magistrates had no jurisdiction over the parties concerned.	1844/071
Green	Eliza	Collins	William	23	09	1844	Bastardy	B	Eliza Green, a widow residing in the In Parish of St Cuthbert, gave birth to a female child out of wedlock. She named the child's father as William Collins, a labourer of the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, and appealed for an order against him for the support and maintenance of the child. The case header document notes that, as the child was apparently not born in the Borough, the magistrates had no jurisdiction in the matter.	1844/072
White	William	Crandon	Alfred	25	09	1844	Evading turnpike toll	N	White was the lessee of the Portway toll gate on the Wells to Highbridge turnpike. He claimed that Crandon, a labourer from Wedmore, had driven a horse and cart laden with turf along a private lane near to the turnpike (a lane over which he had no rights as owner or occupier) and avoided paying the toll. This case is a repeat of case 1844/054. Crandon was re-summoned in August 1844 (see case 1844/068) when it was noted that he would be re-summoned to appear on 7 October; this represents the re-summons for that date. A single faint word on the back of the case header document suggests that the case may have been dismissed.	1844/073

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Trott	John	Little	George	30	09	1844	Petty trespass	Pt	Trott, a labourer living in Lapool Lane, claimed that Little, also a labourer, had wilfully broken three panes of glass in Trott's house. Trott estimated the damage at 9/-.	1844/074
Bartlett	Benjamin	Gale	Thomas	30	09	1844	Assault	A	Bartlett, a yeoman resident in Tucker Street, complained that Gale, a labourer, had come to his door at 11.30pm and had threatened him with a cudgel and used abusive language, berating him for several hours. Testimony from Jane Allen, a single woman living nearby, suggested that Gale had called in to the stable to get water for his horses and had been refused by Bartlett - so this may have been the origin of the dispute - because Allen testified that she had not seen the two men when they were exchanging words. The case was dismissed with each side paying its own costs.	1844/075
Batchelor	Abraham	Foster	Robert	02	10	1844	Assault	A	Batchelor, a labourer, had been near the Sherston Arms with Major Creedy when they met Foster, also a labourer. Creedy and Foster had some discussion about fighting and words were exchanged but no blows. Later that day Foster went to Batchelor's lodgings (landlady was Mrs Orchard who was also to be summoned to give evidence) and after a brief discussion, again about fighting, grabbed Batchelor by the hair and started hitting him. Foster was fined 6d with costs of 8/6d or to serve 7 days in prison at Shepton Mallett. Foster appears to have paid the fine imposed.	1844/076
Lowes	Sarah	Day	George	05	10	1844	Petty trespass	Pt	Sarah Lowes, a widow, claimed that Day, a labourer from Wookey, had wilfully broken 6 panes of glass and damaged a window frame in her house. She estimated the cost of the damage to be 16/-.	1844/077
Coleman	John	Bendall	Charles	25	10	1844	Ill-treatment of apprentice	It	Coleman was apprenticed to Bendall, a tailor. No premium was paid. Coleman complained that he had been ill treated by Bendall and, in particular, Bendall had refused to give him any work on one specific day.	1844/078

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Moyston	John	Hopthorn Judd	John George	25	10	1844	Non-payment from Friendly Society	N	Moyston, a labourer, claimed that he had been a member of the Wells Outparish Brotherly Society for many years. As he was no longer able to work and therefore maintain himself because of old age he alleged that he was due to receive 3/- per week from the funds of the Society. Since 5 October the Society had refused to pay him any money (it is not clear whether he had been receiving money before this date or not). Hopthorn, a labourer, and Judd, a gunsmith, were presumably officers of the Society.	1844/079
Raines	Thomas	Edghill	Robert	28	10	1844	Unlawfully detaining a sum of money	T	Raines, a yeoman of the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, claimed that Edghill, a labourer, had unlawfully detained the sum of £3, the property of Raines.	1844/080
Seymour	Henry	Gould	William	29	10	1844	Driving without reins	Rd	Henry Seymour, esquire, complained that Gould, a farmer from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, had been riding in a horse-drawn waggon along the Glastonbury turnpike without reins and without the appropriate alternative, i.e. someone on foot or on horseback to control and guide the horse. Gould admitted the offence and was fined 10/- with costs of 5/- to be paid immediately or to serve one calendar month in prison at Shepton Mallet.	1844/081
White	Thomas	White	William	30	10	1844	Assault	A	Thomas White, butcher accused William White, also a butcher, of striking him a violent blow in the face. The alleged offence took place in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. The case was settled without a hearing.	1844/082
Dix	Richard	Redding	Samuel	04	11	1844	Obtaining goods under false pretences	Fr	Dix, a sadler with a shop in the Market Place, was visited by Redding who ordered some hobbles, supposedly for a man named Clark of Marshfield in Gloucestershire. Redding later came to collect the hobbles and told Dix's shopman, John Hiscox, that Clark would be in to pay for the hobbles in a few days. Dix claimed that he had received information that the goods had been ordered by someone called Dixon who had paid Redding for the hobbles. Dix requested that Redding be summoned to answer the charge of obtaining goods under false pretences.	1844/083

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Harris	James	Crandon	William	06	11	1844	Petty trespass	Pt	Harris was a labourer living at the Crown Tap in the Market Place. He claimed that Crandon had come into the Tap and drunk some cider. Afterwards he had then deliberately broken glasses and jugs, the property of the landlord Henry Holloway, to the value of 2/-. Crandon was fined 2/- with costs of 4/6d to be paid immediately or to serve 14 days in prison with hard labour. Crandon appears to have paid the fine imposed.	1844/084
Hill	Frances	Helliar	Jane	11	11	1844	Assault	A	Frances Hill, wife of John Hill, porter at the Wells Union workhouse, claimed that Helliar, a pauper inmate of the workhouse, had thrown a bucket of water over her and struck her a violent blow on the arm.	1844/085
Brown	William	Russell	John	13	11	1844	Obtaining goods under false pretences	Fr	Brown was the licensee of the Star Tap in High Street. He claimed that Russell, a carpenter, had obtained beer and cider over a period of time by saying that the account would be paid for by Mr Hayter. With the amount owing standing at £1.5s.11d Brown approached Mr Hayter for payment. Hayter refuted all knowledge of the account and indicated that he would pay nothing. Brown therefore brought a charge of obtaining goods by false pretences against Russell.	1844/086
Andrews	Sarah	Williams	John	14	11	1844	Unlawfully detaining an umbrella	T	Sarah Andrews, a single woman, claimed that she was walking towards the Mermaid Inn when she was overtaken by Williams who seized the umbrella she was carrying and took it from her by force. Charles Hopkins and Sarah Hopkin from Wookey were called as witnesses.	1844/087
Morgan	Elijah Henry	Shew	Jane	16	11	1844	Theft	T	Jane Shew was accused of stealing money and a key from Morgan. She appears to have been committed to prison in Shepton Mallet to await trial at the next assizes. There is also correspondence regarding the timing of the next assizes and whether the prisoner is to be tried there or not.	1844/088

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North	George	Willcox	Adam	19	11	1844	Assault	A	North, a labourer, claimed that he was assaulted by Willcox, also a labourer, who, allegedly, hit him over the head with a stick. The incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. Willcox was fined 6d with costs of 5/- to be paid immediately or to serve 7 days in prison. Willcox appears to have paid the fine imposed.	1844/089
Baller	Richard Clarke	Collins jnr	John	28	11	1844	Petty trespass	Pt	Baller was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Collins, a labourer, was delivering a load of stone to the inner yard of the workhouse. The gate was locked and Collins was said to have wilfully damaged it to a value of 6d. Collins was fined 1/- with costs of 7/6d to be paid immediately or to serve 7 days in prison.	1844/090
Baller	Richard Clarke	Collins jnr	John	28	11	1844	Introducing liquor into the workhouse.	L	Baller was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Collins had been contracted to haul stone to and from the inner yard of the workhouse. In the course of doing so, Collins brought fermented liquor (alcohol) into the workhouse, against the provision of workhouse operation. Collins was fined 1/- with costs of 7/6d to be paid immediately or to serve 7 days in prison. It is not clear whether this sentence is separate from that in case 1844/090 or whether the two cases resulted in a combined sentence. According to an official return Collins is recorded as having paid the fine, but then a note in the margin of the same entry states that the fine has not been paid.	1844/091
Willis	Thomas	Maggs jnr	George	30	11	1844	Abusing and ill-treating a horse	C	PC Willis accused Maggs, a labourer from Chewton, of ill-treating and abusing a horse in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. Maggs was accused of working the horse and requiring it to pull a quantity of coals when a severe wound on the horse's back was open to the bone and it should not have been working at all.	1844/092

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White	Matilda	White	Arthur	03	12	1844	Assault	A	Matilda White, wife of Joseph White, a butcher, claimed that Arthur White, a labourer, had assaulted her and struck her in the face. She claimed that she had met him in High Street and he had made a remark about there being nothing but whores in the town, to which Matilda White had responded. She alleged that at that point Arthur White had struck her. Arthur White's companion at the time, Susan Hawkins, gave a slightly different version in which, after responding to Arthur White's remark, Matilda White then struck him before he hit her in return; she also acknowledged that Arthur White was a little tipsy. Arthur White was fined 5/- with costs of 9/- to be paid immediately or to serve 7 days in prison in Shepton Mallet. Arthur White appears to have paid the fine imposed. The relationship between Matilda White and Arthur White is not explained.	1844/093
Willis	Thomas	Dove	Charles	04	12	1844	Evading market toll	Um	PC Willis stated that Dove, described as a labourer from Draycott, had been selling fish, specifically sprats and cod, in High Street. This was not an approved location for market activity and Dove had refused to pay the market toll of 1/- when he had been requested to pay.	1844/094
Dudderidge	George Webb	White	George	09	12	1844	Theft	T	PC Dudderidge arrested White for a felony on the basis of information received. Dudderidge requested more time to procure the necessary evidence and asked that the prisoner be remanded for a further 2 days.	1844/095

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Bartlett	Benjamin	Gale	Thomas	09	12	1844	Breach of the peace	Dp	Bartlett, a yeoman resident in Tucker Street, complained that Gale, his next door neighbour and a labourer, had made threats to his life. He therefore feared physical violence from Gale. From the evidence of Bartlett and other neighbours, it appeared that late at night Gale had been on the way to his stable which took him past Bartlett's window and he had been swearing loudly using very abusive language, evidently directed at Bartlett. The testimony of other witnesses suggested that Bartlett had been in his house and had not responded; also that Gale had made no threats to Bartlett's life, either then or at any other time. Witnesses included Eliza Talbot, wife of John Talbot, gardener; John Gully, labourer; William Gully, labourer; Joseph Badman, labourer; Francis Beacham, sugar boiler. Gale was bound over in the sum of £10 (made up of 2 sureties of £5) to keep the peace towards Bartlett for a period of 12 months.	1844/096
Fisher	George	Bowley	Robert	21	12	1844	Desertion from 47th Foot	M	George Fisher, a farmer in the parish of Mark and a constable of the same parish, arrested Bowley as a deserter from the 47th Regiment of Foot. Bowley admitted that he should have returned to his regiment but had not done so. Bowley was imprisoned in Shepton Mallet to await action from the military. Bowley was described as being 18 years old (having served 2 years) around 5'8" tall, with a fair complexion, dark brown hair and brown eyes.	1844/097
Perry	Robert	West	Thomas	24	12	1844	Evading market toll	Um	Perry, collector of tolls, accused West, a labourer from Glastonbury, of selling fish in High Street. The location was not accepted as being part of the market and West had not paid a market toll. The case was settled without a hearing.	1844/098

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Dudderidge	George Webb	Fry Lane	Joseph Jeremiah	04	01	1845	Theft	T	PC Dudderidge suspected Fry and Lane of stealing hay but had insufficient evidence to bring charges. He requested an adjournment whilst he sought further evidence and this request was granted. The prisoners were remanded in custody until the next Tuesday (approx 72 hours). A list of witnesses includes: Thomas Stroud, John Moon, Thomas Phipps, Phillip Judd and Benjamin Brooks.	1845/001
Day	Elizabeth	Lally	John	04	01	1845	Threatening behaviour	A	Lally, a vagrant, entered the home of William Oldfield in St Cuthbert Street where Elizabeth Day was staying and threatened her with a poker if she should shout for help. He took the contents out of several drawers and put them on the table but left without taking anything. Lally was described as a rogue and a disorderly person; he was sentenced to 1 calendar month with hard labour at the House of Correction in Shepton Mallet.	1845/002
Mintorn	Elizabeth	Howard	Ann	09	01	1845	Sureties as to future conduct	Su	Ann Howard, wife of William Howard, was summoned to show why she should not be bound over and put forward sureties with respect to her future conduct towards Elizabeth Mintorn.	1845/003
Seal	John	Seal	Francis	17	01	1845	Assault	A	Francis Seal, a labourer, was accused of striking John Seal, also a labourer, several blows to the head. The case was settled without a hearing.	1845/004
Martin	Thomas Crisp	Brown	William	17	01	1845	Non-payment of gas account	N	Martin, on behalf of the Wells Gas Company, brought a case against Brown, formerly the publican of the Star Tap in High Street, for non-payment of a gas account of 16/-, plus 1/- for rental of the meter. Martin noted that, as 14 days had elapsed since he had requested the payment and Brown had not responded, he was now requesting a distress order for Brown's goods and chattels to be seized and sold to raise the money to pay off the outstanding bill.	1845/005a

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Wells Gas Company		Brown	William	20	01	1845	Non-payment of gas account	N	See case 1845/005a. A distress warrant was issued to seize Brown's goods and chattels to pay the outstanding gas account of 17/-, costs of the case amounting to 6/- and reasonable costs involved in executing the distress warrant. An entry in pencil on the case header document indicates 'no goods', possibly suggesting that the bailiffs had been unable to find any saleable assets belonging to Brown.	1845/005b
Dudderidge	George Webb	Lawrence	William	29	01	1845	Drunk & disorderly	D	PC Dudderidge found Lawrence, a labourer, to be drunk and behaving in a disorderly fashion in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. The case was described as settled.	1845/006
Davis	Robert	Brown	John Eli	31	01	1845	Absconding from prison	Ab	Davis, the town clerk, issued a warrant to return Brown to prison after he had absconded from gaol.	1845/007
Dowling	Charlotte	Counsell	Harriett	03	02	1845	Assault	A	Charlotte Dowling claimed that Harriett Counsell had struck her a violent blow in the face. According to an official return Counsell was fined £1 for the assault but did not pay the fine and was therefore committed to prison; the period of commitment was not specified.	1845/008
Pointing	William	White	William	07	02	1845	Sureties as to future conduct	Su	Pointing had requested that White, a labourer, put forward sureties as to his future conduct towards him (Pointing). Neither party appeared at the hearing and the case was dismissed.	1845/009
Hill	Frances	Gibson Edghill	Mary Anne Kezia	13	02	1845	Petty trespass	Pt	Hill was the laundress at Wells Union workhouse. She claimed that Gibson and Edghill had just arrived in the Union and been issued with clean blankets and quilts which were in good condition, but by the morning they had all been torn to shreds. The defendants were fined 10/- each with immediate payment or to be sent to prison in Shepton Mallet for 1 calendar month with hard labour. According to an official return neither of the defendants paid the fines imposed and were both therefore committed to prison.	1845/010
Franks	Abraham	Davis	John	14	02	1845	Assault	A	Franks, a hawker residing in Wells, claimed that he had been struck several violent blows about the head by Davis, a labourer from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert.	1845/011

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Thorley	Robert	Chamberlain	William	20	02	1845	Desertion of family	Ds	Thorley, the relieving officer for the parish, accused Chamberlain of deserting his wife and five children, leaving them in a position where they required subsistence from the parish; the cost of the relief had so far exceeded £6.15s.0d. Thorley claimed that Chamberlain was well able to work and to support his family. Chamberlain was committed to prison in Shepton Mallet for two calendar months with hard labour.	1845/012
Dudderidge	George Webb	Hall	George	06	03	1845	Obstruction of highway	O	PC Dudderidge charged Hall with obstructing the Bath Road by leaving his horse and cart on the road. Hall was convicted and fined 6/-.	1845/013
Dudderidge	George Webb	Hill	James	06	03	1845	Obstructing of highway	O	PC Dudderidge accused Hill, a coal haulier from Ashwick, of causing problems on the Bath Road by allowing 5 asses to stray freely in the street. The case was dismissed on payment of the costs of 9/6d.	1845/014
Dudderidge	George Webb	Walling	Edward	06	03	1845	Obstruction of highway	O	PC Dudderidge charged Walling, a haulier from Ashwick, with obstructing the Bath Road by leaving his horse and cart on the street for much longer than was necessary to load or unload it. The case was settled without a hearing on payment of costs of 4/6d. 'Walling' may possibly have been 'Walwyn'.	1845/015
White	William	Clarke	Henry	10	03	1845	Non-payment of toll	N	White, toll gate keeper at the Portway Gate, accused Clarke, a farmer from North Wotton, of not paying the requisite toll of four pence to pass through the gate. The case was settled without a hearing.	1845/016
Dudderidge	George Webb	Francis	William	17	03	1845	Obstruction of highway	O	PC Dudderidge charged Francis, a coal haulier of the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, with leaving his horse and cart unattended for a lengthy period in Bath Road where it presented an obstruction to other traffic. Francis admitted the charge, but was not convicted, the case being dismissed on payment of costs of 3/6d.	1845/017

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Dudderidge	George Webb	Francis	John	17	03	1845	Obstruction of highway	O	PC Dudderidge charged Francis, a coal haulier from Glastonbury, with leaving his horse and coal-laden cart unattended for a lengthy period in Bath Road where it presented an obstruction to other traffic. Francis admitted the charge, but was not convicted, the case being dismissed on payment of costs of 3/6d.	1845/018
Somers	Samuel	Parsons	James	17	03	1845	Obstruction of highway	O	PC Somers charged Parsons, a coal haulier, with causing an obstruction by leaving a horse and cart laden with coal standing unattended in Water Lane for much longer than was necessary to unload the vehicle. Parsons admitted the charge, but was not convicted, the case being dismissed on payment of costs of 3/6d.	1845/019
Dowling	George	White	John	18	03	1845	Cruelty to a cow	C	Dowling, described as a writer, accused White, a butcher from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, of leaving a cow to die in a parlous condition in a garden in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. The justices appear to have determined that they had no jurisdiction over the matter.	1845/020
Parker	Farnham	Hares Durbin	George George	18	03	1845	Assault	A	Parker, a labourer, claimed that he sustained several blows to his head and face from Hares and Durbin, both described as labourers from Chewton. The case was settled without a hearing.	1845/021
Kelway	John	Blanning	Francis	19	04	1845	Obstruction of highway	O	Kelway, the surveyor of highways, claimed that Blanning, a labourer, had deliberately blocked Grove Lane with his horse and cart. Blanning was fined 1/- with costs of 4/6d.	1845/022
Hughes	John	Parker	Thomas	23	04	1845	Disturbing the peace	Dp	Parker, a labourer, was bound over to keep the peace with Hughes, also a labourer. Note: on the case header Parker's name is shown in the position normally occupied by the plaintiff, while Hughes' name is in the place normally occupied by the defendant's name.	1845/023
Willis	Thomas	Bethell	John	24	04	1845	Furious riding	Rd	PC Willis claimed that Bethell of Wedmore rode a horse up and down High Street at a furious pace endangering other road users and pedestrians. The case was settled without a hearing.	1845/024

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Coles	Caroline	Gale	Thomas	03	05	1845	Assault	A	Caroline Coles was the wife of George Coles, a labourer. She had been in Tucker Street with a friend, Caroline Isgrove, the wife of Joseph Isgrove, a plaisterer and tiler. Thomas Gale, a labourer, was also there. Coles admitted calling Gale by the nickname of 'Peep' a number of times. Gale had then sworn at her using obscene language, struck her several times, knocked her down and damaged her bonnet. The case was dismissed; costs were at least 7/6d.	1845/025
Urch jnr	Richard	Warr	George	03	05	1845	Overcharging of toll fees	Ut	Urch, a labourer from Westbury, claimed that Warr, toll gate operator at the Portway Gate, had overcharged him for the toll to pass through, levying a toll of eight pence for a horse, cart and driver. The case was dismissed.	1845/026
Baller	Richard Clarke	Serrell	Emanuel	08	05	1845	Wilful damage to a property	Pt	Baller was the master of Wells Union workhouse. He accused Serrell of wilful damage to a property in Glastonbury belonging to the Board of Guardians where 8 panes of glass were broken. Serrell was convicted and sent to prison for two calendar months, having failed to pay a fine of 6/-.	1845/027
Isgrove	Christine	Badman	William	14	05	1845	Assault	A	Christine Isgrove, wife of James, claimed to have been attacked by Badman, a plaisterer, who struck her several times about the head and face. The case was settled by Badman paying a fine.	1845/028
Vincent	John	Tatner Smith Smith	John John William	15	05	1845	Assault	A	Vincent, a farmer from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, accused the Smiths and Tatner, all paper makers working near Wookey, but apparently resident in Wells, of stealing his hat near the Portway turnpike gate and then assaulting him. Several witnesses testified and offered significantly different versions of what had happened. The case against William Smith, son of John Smith, was dismissed. John Smith was fined £1.10s.0d, while John Tatner was fined £1, with costs of 16/-. Fines and costs were to be paid immediately with the alternative being 1 calendar month in prison at Shepton Mallet. It appears that both Smith and Tatner paid the fines imposed.	1845/029

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Willis	Thomas	James	Martha	20	05	1845	Obstruction of highway	O	PC Willis charged Martha James, a single woman from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, with obstructing the highway in Sadler Street by leaving a cart unattended for a lengthy period. The case was dismissed with James paying costs of 4/6d.	1845/030
Warren jnr	Thomas	Clarke	William	20	05	1845	Wilful damage to a property	Pt	Thomas Warren the younger claimed that Clarke, a labourer, had thrown a large stone at his father's parlour window in the Liberty of St Andrew and broken it. Thomas Warren the elder was a supervisor of excise and sought to redeem the cost of repairs from Clarke. According to an official return Clarke was fined 3/-, but did not pay and was therefore committed to prison.	1845/031
Willis	Thomas	Colborne	William	20	05	1845	Furious riding	Rd	PC Willis accused Colborne, a labourer from Gurney Slade, of riding his horse at a great pace along High Street endangering the lives of pedestrians and other road users. The case was noted as 'settled' possibly by Colborne paying costs of 4/6d.	1845/032
Baller	Richard Clarke	Porter	William	22	05	1845	Absconding with clothes belonging to workhouse	T	Porter was an inmate of Wells Union workhouse who absconded wearing clothes supplied to him by the workhouse. Baller was the master of the workhouse.	1845/033
Willis	Thomas	Dyke	George	28	05	1845	Furious driving	Rd	PC Willis charged Dyke, a cheese dealer, with driving at a furious pace in the Liberty in a cart laden with cheese, endangering passers-by and other road users. The case was settled without a hearing.	1845/034
Loxton	William	Howard	William	30	05	1845	Drunkenness	D	Loxton, a shoemaker, accused Howard, a mason, with being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert.	1845/035
Willis	Thomas	Patch	John	31	05	1845	Indecent exposure	le	PC Willis accused Patch, a butcher, of exposing his person on Cathedral Green. The case was settled without a hearing.	1845/036

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Russell	John	Gale	John	26	06	1845	Removal of chattels to avoid distraint	Rg	Russell, a carpenter, was the owner of a house in Priest Row that was being rented by Edward Vincent. Vincent had run up arrears of rent and, in order to avoid Russell issuing a distraint order against his personal possessions to recover the rent arrears, Vincent had them clandestinely removed to the house of Gale, a labourer resident in Queen Street. Gale was accused of harbouring these possessions. The case was dismissed.	1845/037
Cox	Henry	Judd	Philip	30	06	1845	Preventing a horse from being impounded	Op	Cox found a horse belonging to Judd, a labourer from Southover, being pastured on his land without authority. Cox was taking the horse to the pound in Southover when Judd appeared and cut the trace by which the horse was being led, removing the horse from Cox's possession. The case was settled without a hearing.	1845/038
Barnard	Mary	Phipps	Thomas	30	06	1845	Sureties as to future conduct	Su	Phipps, a labourer, was alleged to have shown ill behaviour towards Mary Barnard, wife of James Barnard, a gardener. Phipps was summoned to explain why he should not be required to put forward sureties as to his future conduct.	1845/039
Harvey	Maria	Murrow	Charles	07	07	1845	Assault	A	Harvey, wife of James Harvey, a grinder from Tucker Street, claimed that Murrow, a plasterer and tiler, had threatened to strike her with his fist and had been extremely abusive to her. She alleged that Murrow was drunk at the time. Murrow was fined 1/- with costs of 11/6d, or to serve 14 days in prison at Shepton Mallet. It appears that Murrow paid the fine imposed.	1845/040
Charles	William	Short	Joseph	07	07	1845	Eviction notice	Ev	Charles, a sadler and property owner, applied for an order to evict a tenant, Short, from a property on Grove Lane because Short was significantly in arrears with his rent. The eviction order was granted.	1845/041
Willis	Thomas	Champeny	Charles	17	07	1845	Furious riding	Rd	PC Willis alleged that Champeny, a yeoman from Theale, had ridden his horse at a furious pace in High Street. Champeny was fined 1/- with costs of 7/6d.	1845/042

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Willis	Thomas	Duckett	George	17	07	1845	Furious riding	Rd	PC Willis alleged that Duckett, a yeoman from Wedmore, had ridden his horse at a furious pace in High Street. Duckett was fined 1/- with costs of 7/6d.	1845/043
Willis	Thomas	???	Gillmore	22	07	1845	Drunkness	D	PC Willis accused Gillmore, a labourer, of being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert.	1845/044
Buck	Abraham	Cook	William	23	07	1845	Leaving horse and cart unattended	O	PC Buck charged Cook, a labourer from Westbury, with leaving a horse and cart unattended in High Street for a period longer than required to load or unload the vehicle. The unattended vehicle was causing an obstruction. The case was settled without a hearing.	1845/045
Fry	Francis	Saunders	William	10	08	1845	Sureties as to future conduct	Su	Fry, a publican, complained that Saunders, a labourer, had been guilty of a breach of the peace towards him. Saunders was summoned to explain why he should not be required to put forward sureties with respect to his future conduct.	1845/046
Stoward	Ann	Stoward	William	12	08	1845	Assault	A	Ann Stoward, wife of William Stoward, stone mason of Tucker Street, complained that her husband had returned home drunk and had assaulted her by striking her across the arms and shoulders with his walking stick. Stoward was fined £5 or to serve 2 months in prison in default of immediate payment. The defendant appears to have paid the fine imposed. Note: The surname is variously spelt Stower in the informations and could also be spelt Howard.	1845/047
Willis	Thomas	White Wickham Montague	William John John	15	08	1845	Breach of the peace	Dp	PC Willis arrested the three defendants in East Wells where they were fighting two men from Shepton Mallet and a large crowd had gathered. White was a butcher while Wickham and Montague were labourers; Montague is variously called John and William in the documentation.	1845/048
Sweet	Ann	Maule	William	19	08	1845	Assault	A	Ann Sweet claimed that Maule, a labourer, had assaulted her by striking her a violent blow to the head. Maule was fined 6d with costs of 2/6d and appears to have paid the amounts imposed.	1845/049

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Somers	Samuel	House	Henry	25	08	1845	Theft of horse	T	PC Somers apprehended House in the Market Place on the basis of information given him previously. House was suspected of stealing horses. Somers had not sufficient evidence to prefer charges immediately, but the prisoner was remanded in jail to give time for evidence to be collected.	1845/050
Middle	Mary Ann	Ayres	William	30	08	1845	Assault	A	Mary Ann Middle, wife of Henry Middle of the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, claimed that she had been assaulted by Ayres, a labourer from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, who had struck her a violent blow in the face.	1845/051
Ayres	Mary Ann	Middle	Mary Anne	30	08	1845	Assault	A	Mary Ann Ayres, wife of William Ayres, labourer of the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, claimed that Mary Ann Middle, wife of Henry Middle, had assaulted her and struck her twice in the face. This case was clearly linked to 1845/051, but the sequence of events is not explicit.	1845/052
Hodges	Agnes	Parsons	Jane	05	09	1845	Assault	A	Agnes Hodges, wife of Thomas Hodges, a labourer living in Southover, claimed that Jane Parsons, wife of James Parsons, also a labourer, had come into her garden and, without provocation, had pushed her over with a violent blow in the chest. Sarah Clements, wife of James Clements, confirmed Hodges' story. Parsons was fined 1/- with costs of 9/- or to be imprisoned for 7 days. The fine appears to have been paid.	1845/053
Loxton	William	Wear	Daniel	26	09	1845	Assault	A	Loxton, a labourer, accused Wear, a labourer from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, of assaulting him and striking him several times about the legs. The case was settled without a hearing.	1845/054
Barber	James	Weeks Masters Wyatt	Sarah Masters Garland	27	09	1845	Theft of an apron	T	The three defendants were accused of stealing an apron from James Barber, a publican. Weeks and Masters had supposedly passed the apron to Wyatt.	1845/055
Dudderidge	George Webb	Dolman	James	28	09	1845	Offence against licence	L	Dudderidge charged Dolman with selling beer and cider outside the statutory licensing hours.	1845/056

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Bennett	Elizabeth	Sweet	Henry	29	09	1845	Assault	A	Sweet struck Elizabeth Bennett in the face while she was at a local inn. He was fined 2/6d with costs of 9/-, or to spend 14 days in prison. Sweet appears to have paid the fine imposed.	1845/057
Sweet	Henry	Bennett	Elizabeth	29	09	1845	Assault	A	Sweet accused Elizabeth Bennett of kicking him violently while at the New Inn. Elizabeth Bennett was fined 5/- with costs of 16/6d or face 1 month in prison.	1845/058
Buck	Abraham	Wookey	Henry	08	10	1845	Obstructing a footpath	O	PC Buck charged Wookey with obstructing a footpath on a street adjoining Sadler Street. Wookey was fined 1/- with costs of 7/6d.	1845/059
Dudderidge	George Webb	Oldfield Gale	William John Ralph	10	10	1845	Drunkenness	D	PC Dudderidge charged the defendants with disturbing the peace by fighting each other when they were drunk. Both were covered in blood. Each of the defendants was fined 5/-; both fines were recorded as paid.	1845/060
Heale	George	Dix	James	14	10	1845	Assault	A	Heale, a sadler, complained that Dix, a labourer, had constantly tried to interrupt the singing in the pub. Dix had become violent and had headbutted Heale.	1845/061
Seal	Mary	Warrington	John	20	10	1845	Assault	A	Seal claimed that she was assaulted by Warrington when she was at a beerhouse. She claimed that he had struck her several times in the face. Caroline Dolman, wife of Richard Dolman, beerhouse keeper, was summoned to give evidence for the plaintiff.	1845/062
Willis	Thomas	Webb	George	05	11	1845	Drunkenness	D	PC Willis found Webb, a ring maker, to be drunk in the street. Webb was fined 1/6d and bound over for 3 weeks.	1845/063
Buck	Abraham	Lane	Charles	05	11	1845	Drunkenness	D	PC Buck found Lane, a labourer, to be drunk in the street. Lane was fined 1/6d and bound over for 3 weeks.	1845/064
Somers	Samuel	Dowse Rowswell	James James	10	11	1845	Breach of the peace	Dp	PC Somers took the two prisoners into custody for attempting to take down a flag pole in the Market Place.	1845/065

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Sweet	Samuel	Bennett Bennett	Pharaoh Louisa	10	11	1845	Assault	A	According to an official return listing fines and penalties. Sweet claimed that he had been assaulted by Pharaoh and Louisa Bennett. The Bennetts were adjudged guilty and required to pay a fine of 5/-; the fine appears to have been paid. Note: there are no individual documents for this case. The details have been obtained entirely from the list of fines and penalties - see 1845/074	1845/065a
McNicol	Andrew	Bennett	John	20	11	1845	Deserter	M	McNicol, serjeant of the 1st Royals, notified the capture of a deserter, John Bennett.	1845/066a
McNicol	Andrew	Bennett	John	21	11	1845	Deserter	M	Notice of admission to prison at Shepton Mallet	1845/066b
McNicol	Andrew	Bennett	John	27	11	1845	Deserter	M	Notice of discharge from 1st Royals in Portsmouth	1845/066c
McNicol	Andrew	Bennett	John	29	11	1845	Deserter	M	Notice from solicitor confirming discharge	1845/066d
Dudderidge	George Webb	Barratt	Daniel	01	12	1845	Drunkenness	D	PC Dudderidge found Barratt to be drunk in the street and committing a breach of the peace.	1845/067a
Buck	Abraham	Helliar	John	01	12	1845	Drunkenness	D	PC Buck found Helliar to be drunk in the street and committing a breach of the peace. Helliar was fined 5/-; the fine was recorded as paid.	1845/067b
Forbes	William	Adams	William	04	12	1845	Non-payment of toll	N	Forbes was a tollgate keeper. Adams, a farmer from Hartlake Farm near Glastonbury, had driven through the Southover Toll gate at high speed without paying the requisite fee.	1845/068
Buck	Abraham	Gardner	William	09	12	1845	Drunkenness	D	PC Buck encountered Gardner drunk and making a lot of noise in the Market Place in Wells. Gardner was fined 1/- with costs of 5/6d, or to spend 14 days in prison. Fine and costs were paid. According to the official return listing fines and penalties where some or all of the fine was payable to the churchwardens of St Cuthberts. Gardner was said to be fined 5/- (see 1847/075)	1845/069
Powell	Alfred	Sheppard jnr	William	09	12	1845	Assault	A	Powell claimed that Sheppard had beaten and assaulted him. The case was settled without a hearing -with costs being paid.	1845/070

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Lane	James	Maynard	Richard	09	12	1845	Assault	A	Lane, a labourer, claimed that he was assaulted by Maynard, a beerhouse keeper. Maynard struck several violent blows to Lane's head and body. Maynard was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/6d, or 14 days in prison; he appears to have paid the fine imposed.	1845/071
Somers	Samuel	Filer	Sophia	16	12	1845	Drunkenness	D	PC Somers arrested Sophia Filer for being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthberts.	1845/072
Willis	Thomas	York	John	17	12	1845	Indecent exposure	le	PC Willis arrested York, a labourer, for willingly and openly exposing his person with the intent of assaulting females. York was committed to Shepton Mallet prison for 14 days.	1845/073
[Justices]		[Various]		31	12	1845	List of fines and penalties	*	List of fines and penalties from 31 December 1843 to 31 December 1845. Official return.	1845/074

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Jacobs	William	Adams	William	09	01	1846	Assault	A	Jacobs, a labourer, accused Adams, also a labourer, of striking him a violent blow in the face. The case was noted as being settled.	1846/001
Willis	Thomas	Clarke	John	09	01	1846	Littering the highway	E	PC Willis accused Clarke, a labourer, of throwing oyster shells into the gutter in High Street. Clarke admitted the offence and was fined 2/6d with costs of 6/-. He was given until Saturday 17th January to make the payment.	1846/002
Willis	Thomas	Stephens	William	09	01	1846	Furious driving	Rd	PC Willis accused Stephens, a labourer, of endangering passengers and pedestrians by driving a cart at speed in High Street. Stephens was reprimanded and discharged on payment of costs of 4/6d.	1846/003
Willis	Thomas	Whitcomb	John	09	01	1846	Furious driving	Rd	PC Willis accused Whitcomb, a horse dealer from Croscombe, of endangering pedestrians and other road users by riding a horse at a furious pace along High Street. The defendant was dismissed on payment of costs of 2/6d.	1846/004

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Boyce	Ann	Collins	William	10	01	1846	Assault	A	Collins, a labourer from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, was accused of assaulting Ann Boyce, the wife of John Boyce, labourer, and striking her a blow on the arm. The defendant did not appear. Case postponed to 22 Feb.	1846/005
Fry	Francis	Allen	William	12	01	1846	Assault	A	Fry, landlord of the Three Kings Inn, claimed that Allen, a plasterer and tiler, had drunk three pints, but then refused to pay. When ordered to leave by Fry, Allen supposedly struck the landlord several times and then kicked a door on the way out, causing damage to the value of 5/-. Allen was fined 10/- with costs of 3/6d or to serve 14 days in prison. The fine appears to have been paid.	1846/006
Churchill	Harriet	Willey	Elizabeth	12	01	1846	Assault	A	Churchill, the matron of the workhouse, had apparently ordered Willey to eat her supper standing at the bottom of the room. Willey had crumbled up her meal and thrown a lump of bread at Churchill who claimed that it had cut her mouth. Willey was fined 10/- with costs of 5/- or two calendar months imprisonment in Shepton Mallet. An official return indicates that Willey did not pay the fine and was therefore committed to prison.	1846/007
Dudderidge	George Webb	Dix Loxton Foster	William Richmond Robert	13	01	1846	Theft	T	PC Dudderidge accused Dix and Loxton, the latter described as a cripple, of having removed lead weighing 22 pounds, the property of Mrs Anne Champion, and selling it to Foster for the sum of 1s.9d. Some of the money was said to have paid off debts that Dix owed to Foster's sister. Dix and Loxton were committed to prison until the next Quarter Sessions.	1846/008
Millard	William	Millard	Richard James	15	01	1846	Assault	A	William Millard claimed that, when he asked his brother to remove a water cart from a courtyard near his house in Silver Street, his brother threw ashes in his eyes. Case was dismissed on payment of costs, presumably by the defendant.	1846/009

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Hamilton	John	Pridham	Phillip	16	01	1846	Vagrantcy & begging	V	Pridham, a shop assistant at Plowman's grocery shop, claimed that Hamilton had come in and asked to be given some tobacco or cheese or something 'to relieve him'. Pridham had refused. A statement from PC Abraham Buck noted that Hamilton had been sentenced to 2 months in prison in December 1843 for breaking a quantity of glass. Hamilton was sentenced to 2 months hard labour in the House of Correction at Shepton Mallet.	1846/010
Foxwell	George	Ridley	Matthew	17	01	1846	Absconding & misconduct as apprentice	Ab	Foxwell, a bootmaker, had taken on Ridley as an apprentice; no money had been paid for the apprenticeship. Ridley had frequently absconded and had misbehaved on a number of occasions. The case was settled without a hearing.	1846/011
Trickey	Charlotte	Reville	Eleanor	20	01	1846	Assault	A	Charlotte, the wife of William Trickey, a mason, claimed that she had been attacked by Eleanor, wife of Michael Reville of the 47th Regiment of Foot, and that Reville had struck her head against a wall. Reville admitted the offence and was fined 6d with costs of 7/6d to be paid immediately or to serve 7 days in prison. The fine appears to have been paid.	1846/012
Meehan	Bernard	Batt	Charles	27	01	1846	Desertion	M	Meehan, a corporal in the 47th Regiment of Foot, had enlisted Batt on 9 January but Batt failed to turn up to be attested within the regulation period of 4 days. Meehan therefore had him arrested as a deserter and received a reward of 10/-. Batt was described as being 23 years of age, 5'7" in height, with a sallow complexion, brown hair and brown eyes.	1846/013
Hill	William	Robinson	John	02	02	1846	Petty trespass	Pt	Hill, a porter at the workhouse, claimed that Robinson, a labourer who had been taken in as a vagrant, had damaged 18 panes of glass. Robinson was fined 15/- with costs of 7/6d or to serve 14 days in prison with hard labour. According to an official return Robinson did not pay the fine and was therefore committed to prison.	1846/014

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Clements	Robert	Barber	George	03	02	1846	Assault	A	Clements, keeper of the Half Moon beerhouse in Southover, claimed that he had been assaulted by Barber after Barber, who was "in liquor", had been requested to leave. Clements had called in PC Dudderidge to take Barber into custody and Dudderidge reported that Barber had also resisted him with some violence, kicking him and tearing his collar.	1846/015
Hiscox	John	Creed	John	19	03	1846	Desertion	M	Creed, aged 17, had enlisted in the 37th Regiment of Foot at Wells but had not returned to be attested. Hiscox had recognised Creed and arrested him as a deserter in Somerton but the magistrates had discharged him. Hiscox had then followed him to Langport and brought him back to Wells. Creed was sent to Shepton Mallet gaol to await action from his regiment. Hiscox was awarded 10/- for his arrest but he appears to have asked for more, claiming that he had travelled more than 40 miles, been obliged to hire a horse and cart at a cost of more than 30/- and had a wife and 6 children to support.	1846/016
[Justices]		[Various]		26	03	1846	Appointments of Overseers of the Poor	*	The following were summoned to justify why they should not be appointed to the office of Overseers of the Poor for their respective parishes: St Cuthbert's: Francis Fry (innholder), Charles Foxwell (innholder), James Wallbridge (chemist), Richard Dix (saddler) St Andrew's: Edward Holroyd Roberts, George Goodfellow, Henry Wiggins, George Marshman, Robert Chamberlain.	1846/017
Binning	Charles	Fletchitt	William	16	02	1846	Begging	V	Binning, a linen draper in the In Parish of St Cuthbert, claimed that Fletchitt had come to his house begging. Binning had refused to give him anything and Fletchitt had refused to leave the door. Fletchitt was convicted and sentenced to 14 days with hard labour in Shepton Mallet gaol.	1846/018

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Moore	William	Moore	John	23	02	1846	Assault	A	William Moore, carpenter, accused John Moore, also a carpenter, of attacking him in High Street with a saw. Edwin Walker, a labourer, testified that he had heard John Moore say "damn your eyes, fight will you!" before striking William Moore, who did not respond. John Moore was fined 10/- with costs of 9/- to be paid immediately or 14 days in gaol at Shepton Mallet. According to an official return Moore did not pay the fine and was therefore committed to prison.	1846/019
Lord Mayor of London		{Justices}		05	03	1846	Paper on tackling juvenile crime	*	The Lord Mayor of London issued a paper putting forward possible steps to be taken in an attempt to counter the growth in juvenile crime. Responses were requested from magistrates prior to further public consultation.	1846/019a
Lord Mayor of London		[Justices		07	03	1846	Paper on tackling juvenile crime	*	Letter giving magistrates a longer timescale within which to respond to the earlier paper on juvenile crime (see 1846/019a)	1846/019b
Dudderidge	George Webb	Ashley	Eliza	09	03	1846	Felony	T	PC Dudderidge had arrested Ashley on a charge of felony, but the prosecution was not ready to proceed. Dudderidge requested that the prisoner be remanded in custody until the following day when a prosecution would be brought.	1846/020
Foxwell	Charles	Attwood	Joseph	01	04	1846	Recover tenement / workshop by evicting tenant	Ev	Foxwell was licensee of the Crown Inn. A workshop in the yard of the Crown Inn had been rented to Attwood. Foxwell sought an order to recover possession of the workshop and evict Attwood. When the order came into force, a police officer attempted to gain entry to the workshop but found it locked and entry barred.	1846/021
Dudderidge	George Webb	Bishop	William	01	04	1846	Drunkenness	D	PC Dudderidge encountered Bishop in the High Street where Bishop was making a great noise and was clearly drunk. He then moved on to the Bishop's Palace where Dudderidge decided to take him into custody. Bishop was convicted & fined 5/-, but given one week in which to pay; the fine was recorded as paid.	1846/022

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Nutty	William	Judd	Phillip	13	04	1846	Preventing a stray animal from being impounded	Op	Nutty, responsible for the repair of turnpike roads, claimed that he had found an ass straying onto the turnpike road near Wells Union workhouse. He had collared the animal and was proceeding to take it to the pound when he was seized by Judd, the owner of the ass. Judd forcibly took the ass from Nutty and prevented it from being taken to the pound. Judd was reprimanded and discharged on payment of the costs of the case.	1846/023
Buck	Abraham	Beck	Frederick	17	04	1846	Theft of coat	T	PC Buck had arrested Beck for stealing a coat, but had insufficient proof to bring the prosecution. He requested that Beck be detained in custody until the following day when he expected to have sufficient evidence to press charges. His request was granted.	1846/024
Coles	Richard	Hawker	Joseph	23	04	1846	Assault	A	Coles, a 72-year old publican, who walked with the aid of a stick, had been in the Sherston Arms with a group of others including Joseph Hawker, butcher; Henry Hucker, woolcomber; Charles Wells, draper; William Cock, carpenter; and Lewis Price, the landlord of the Sherston. When the group were walking towards the Antelope along Priory Road, Coles claimed that he was knocked down twice by Hawker who deliberately kicked his stick away. He also claimed that Hawker had pushed Hucker and Wells into Coles, knocking them all over and resulting in Coles sustaining broken ribs when Wells fell on him.	1846/025
Fidler	Louisa	Fidler	Solomon	09	05	1846	Assault	A	Louisa Fidler was the wife of Solomon Fidler, a baker of the In Parish of St Cuthbert. She complained that her husband had beaten and kicked her. He was bound over in the sum of £50 (to be put forward by him) with respect to his future conduct towards his wife.	1846/026

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Dudderidge	George Webb	Barber	James	11	05	1846	Selling alcohol during hours of divine service	L	PC Dudderidge accused Barber, licensee of the Full Moon in Southover, of keeping his establishment open for the sale of alcohol during the hours of the divine service. Witnesses Garland Wyatt, a tailor, and James Mullins both said that they were drinking during the time of the service and went to the bowling alley in the garden. They also saw children coming to collect beer during this time. Barber appears to have been fined £2 with costs of 7/6d. According to a submission to HM Treasury Barber appears to have paid a fine of £1 (not £2).	1846/027
Dudderidge	George Webb	Wyatt	Garland	11	05	1846	Drunkenness	D	PC Dudderidge charged Wyatt, a witness in case 1846/027, with drunkenness. Wyatt was found guilty and fined 5/-, the fine recorded as paid. There are no case documents. The information is obtained from an official return listing fines and penalties where some or all of the fine was payable to the churchwardens of St Cuthberts (see 1847/075).	1846/027a
Buck	Abraham	Collier	Moses	11	05	1846	Drunkenness	D	PC buck charged Collier with drunkenness, Collier was found guilty and fined 5/-; the fine was recorded as paid. There are no case documents. The information is obtained from an official return listing fines and penalties where some or all of the fine was payable to the churchwardens of St Cuthberts (see 1847/075).	1846/027b
Payne	Elizabeth	Lockyer Brown	Sarah Hester	13	05	1846	Non-payment of benefits	N	Elizabeth Payne was a widow who was a member of the Wells Female Union Society. According to the rules of the society, anyone who had been a member for 2 years would, on the death of her husband, be entitled to receive 1/- from each other member of the society as a contribution towards the funeral expenses. Payne claimed that she had applied to Lockyer and Brown as stewards of the society for this contribution and had been refused. However, it appears that the money was paid before the summons was actually issued, so that no action was taken by the magistrates.	1846/028

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Parfitt	John	Moore	Thomas	14	05	1846	Assault	A	Parfitt, a baker, alleged that Moore, a labourer, had assaulted him and struck him a violent blow in the mouth.	1846/029
Hanney	William	Tucker	Robert	16	05	1846	Assault	A	Hanney, a labourer, claimed that Tucker, also a labourer, had assaulted him in the Liberty of St Andrew and then wilfully and maliciously pushed him into the moat. The case was dismissed with each party paying his own costs.	1846/030
Dudderidge	George Webb	Allen Loxton Bennett	Joseph John James	19	05	1846	Breach of the peace	Dp	PC Dudderidge charged all three defendants with committing a breach of the peace. The summons is the only piece of documentation for the case.	1846/031
Dudderidge	George Webb	Birt	George	19	05	1846	Drunkenness	D	PC Dudderidge charged Birt, a labourer, with being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert.	1846/032
[Justices]		Secretary for War		12	06	1846	Payment of smart money	*	This case concerns a recruit called Joseph Allen who was enlisted in the 8th Regiment of Foot but then paid a sum of money (smart money) to secure his release, having presumably decided that he did not like military service. The money was paid in the presence of a Wells magistrate and this entitled the magistrate's clerk to claim a fee of 1/- from central government funds provided that the clerk informed the Secretary of War of the details of the payment. The case documentation comprises a letter to the Secretary for War and a slip of paper setting out the rule for claiming the fee of 1/-.	1846/033
Somers	Samuel	Ashman	John	17	06	1846	Furious driving	Rd	PC Somers charged Ashman, a labourer from the parish of Ashwick, with furious driving of a horse and cart along the Bath Road. Ashman was fined 1/- with costs of 7/-.	1846/034
Willis	Thomas	Francis Foxwell	Francis Farnham	17	06	1846	Breach of the peace	Dp	PC Willis charged Francis and Foxwell, both butchers, with committing a breach of the peace. The case was dismissed on the defendants paying the case costs of 2/-.	1846/035

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Buck	Abraham	Hunt	Stephen	19	06	1846	Drunkenness	D	PC Buck charged Hunt, a labourer, with being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. Hunt admitted the offence and was fined 5/-. According to an official return listing fines and penalties where some or all of the fine was payable to the churchwardens of St Cuthberts, Hunt did not pay the fine.	1846/036
Foxwell	George	Ridley	Matthew	22	06	1846	Absentee apprentice	Ab	Foxwell claimed that Ridley, who was apprenticed to him, had absented himself on several occasions without his employer's consent and had now gone missing again. An arrest warrant for Ridley was issued.	1846/037
Somers	Samuel	York	John	24	06	1846	Drunkenness	D	PC Somers charged York with being drunk in High Street. Somers tried to get him to go home but York was very drunk and became very abusive. York was fined 5/- to be paid within one week or, if in default, to be put in the stocks for 2 hours. According to an official return listing fines and penalties where some or all of the fine was payable to the churchwardens of St Cuthberts, York did not pay the fine and was therefore put in the stocks.	1846/038
Lovell	Sarah	Lovell	Edward	29	06	1846	Assault	A	Sarah Lovell complained that her husband, Edward, a mason, had come up to her with a knife and threatened her with physical violence. She requested that he be required to put forward sureties to guarantee his future conduct towards her. Edward Lovell apparently admitted the offence, although he did not appear at the hearing, since he submitted a note from Dr Nicholls advising the magistrates that he had fractured ribs and had suffered other contusions.	1846/039
Bartlett	Sarah	Bartlett	Charles	30	06	1846	Assault	A	Sarah Bartlett claimed that her husband, Charles Bartlett, a labourer, had assaulted her and struck her a blow on the head.	1846/040

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Roberts	Elizabeth	Jelly	Richard	30	06	1846	Assault	A	Elizabeth Roberts, a single woman, claimed that she had been at her father's house in Water Lane when Jelly, a labourer, had come to the door asking for some bottles. After a brief discussion Jelly firstly threatened to break the windows, then struck her a violent blow to the head and finally threw a stone at her. Jelly was fined 2/6d with costs of 7/6d. The fine appears to have been paid.	1846/041
Dudderidge	George Webb	York	John	01	07	1846	Indecent exposure	le	PC Dudderidge charged York with indecent exposure in the Market Place, claiming that he had to step between York and a lady in order to avoid her being confronted by York's exposed private parts.	1846/042
Jelly	Richard	Roberts	James	01	07	1846	Assault	A	Jelly, a labourer, claimed that he had been assaulted by Roberts, a fishmonger, who had kicked him and struck him in the side with his fist. See also case 1846/041. According to an official return Roberts was fined 1/- and paid the required fine.	1846/043
Pollett	Henry	Selway	John	13	07	1846	Assault	A	Pollett, a labourer, claimed that Selway, described as a yeoman, had come up to him in the Market Place, deliberately pushed him off the pavement and stood on his toes three times. Pollett's account was supported by PC Somers who had seen the incident and had upbraided Selway. Selway wanted to fight Pollett for five guineas, but there was no indication as to the cause of the animosity. According to an official return Selway was fined 1/- and paid the fine.	1846/044
Dudderidge	George Webb	White	John	17	07	1846	Furious driving	Rd	PC Dudderidge charged White, a butcher from Glastonbury, with furious driving of a horse and cart in Sadler Strret, endangering the lives of pedestrians and other road users. White admitted the offence and was fined 5/- with costs of 7/6d.	1846/045

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Hughes	Eliza	Hughes	John	17	07	1846	Assault	A	Eliza Hughes complained that her husband, John, was constantly beating and abusing her. He had also thrown her out of the house and locked the door against her. She requested that he be asked to put forward sureties to guarantee his future conduct towards her. John Hughes was required to put forward a bond of £10 to guarantee his conduct towards his wife for the next 12 months.	1846/046
Somers	Samuel	Fry	Harry	24	07	1846	Drunkenness	D	PC Somers charged Fry, a labourer, with drunkenness in a public place. Fry admitted the offence and was fined 5/- which was recorded as paid.	1846/047
Pulman	William	Crandon	William	28	07	1846	Assault	A	Pulman, a bricklayer, claimed that Crandon, a labourer, had struck him violently in the head and face. The case was apparently settled without a hearing.	1846/048
Buck	Abraham	Mullins	Charles	28	07	1846	Drunkenness	D	PC Buck charged Mullins with drunkenness. Mullins was found guilty and fined 5/-, but the fine seems not to have been paid. There are no case documents. The information is obtained from an official return listing fines and penalties where some or all of the fine was payable to the churchwardens of St Cuthberts (see 1847/075).	
Fletcher	Silas	Jutsum	William	30	07	1846	Leaving work in an unfinished state	Nc	Fletcher, a boot and shoemaker, claimed that Jutsum had entered his service as an artificer. Jutsum then left his employ before the term of his contract expired leaving unfinished work which he had contracted to do. Note: surname of defendant is unclear.	1846/049

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Boyce	Elizabeth	Warman	William	08	08	1846	Assault	A	Elizabeth Boyce, wife of William Boyce, a labourer from East Wells, claimed that Warman had ordered her son, William off land that Warman said was his. Elizabeth Boyce said that the land was part of her garden and stepped onto it. Warman had then allegedly used abusive language to her, shook her violently and pinched her maliciously. Testimony from John David Pim, a carrier and neighbour, stated that Warman had not touched Mrs Boyce or her son. Warman was fined 1/- with costs of 9/- or, if in default, to serve 7 days in prison. The fine appears to have been paid.	1846/050
Baller	Richard Clarke	Spratt	Anna Maria	25	08	1846	Petty trespass	Pt	Baller was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Frances Hill, wife of William Hill, porter, was the laundress who had allotted work to Anna Maria Spratt, an inmate of the workhouse. As Spratt refused to carry out the work assigned to her, she was locked up whereupon she tore up her cap and her flannel shirt, the property of the guardians of the workhouse. The damage was estimated at 5/-. Spratt was fined 5/- with costs of 5/- or to serve 14 days in prison at Shepton Mallet. According to an official return Spratt did not pay the fine as ordered and was therefore committed to prison.	1846/051
Willis	Thomas	Perkins	John	27	08	1846	Illegal parking of cart	Rd	PC Willis charged Perkins, a haulier from Midsomer Norton, with leaving a cart laden with coal in High Street. The cart was parked there for longer than was necessary to load or unload it and no authorised person was left in charge of it.	1846/052
Willis	Thomas	Maggs	John	27	08	1846	Illegal parking of cart	Rd	PC Willis charged Maggs, a haulier from Midsomer Norton, with leaving a cart laden with coal in High Street with no authorised person in charge of it. The cart was left there longer than was necessary to load or unload the vehicle.	1846/053

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Willis	Thomas	Smith	John	28	08	1846	Vagrancy and begging	V	PC Willis claimed that he saw the defendant on Cathedral Green begging for bread, first at Mrs Thompson's house where the servant turned him away, and then at Mr Thomas Bathe's house. At that point Willis arrested him and charged him with vagrancy.	1846/054
Willis	Thomas	Bird Puddy	Joseph Albert	03	09	1846	Breach of the peace	Dp	PC Willis charged Bird and Puddy, both described as labourers, with fighting in the street in East Wells. Robert Edghill, a plasterer, was to be summoned to give evidence. Each of the defendants was bound over in the sum of £20 to keep the peace for 6 months.	1846/055
Thorley	Robert	Nicholls	Edward	09	09	1846	Desertion of wife and child	Ds	Thorley was relieving officer for Wells Union workhouse. Edward Nicholls, a paper maker, had deserted his wife, Sarah, and their child and was no longer maintaining them with the result that they had been admitted to the workhouse and had become chargeable to the parish. Thorley claimed that Nicholls was fully capable of supporting his family by working and an arrangement was concluded whereby Nicholls paid the expenses incurred and would pay his wife 5/- per week; in addition the agreement set out that a Mr Beauchamp would pay the same amount. There is no explanation as to the relationship of the family to Mr Beauchamp.	1846/056
Woodard jnr	John	Chappell	John	10	09	1846	Absentee apprentice	Ab	Woodard, a cordwainer, had employed Chappell as an apprentice. Chappell's performance had not been good and he had absented himself from Woodard's service without consent, leaving his work unfinished. The case was settled between the two parties outside court.	1846/057

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Carney	Eleanor	Tucker	Mary	15	09	1846	Assault	A	Eleanor Carney claimed that Mary Tucker, a single woman, had assaulted her and struck her in the eye. She called the wife of Josiah Sims to give testimony in support of her case, while Mary Tucker called upon Serjeant Michael Reville of the 47th Regiment of Foot and Elizabeth, the wife of William Clements, to put the case for the defence. According to an official return Mary Tucker was fined 1/- and paid the amount due.	1846/058
Baller	Richard Clarke	Whitehead	Sarah	24	09	1846	Desertion of children	Ds	Baller was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Sarah Whitehead, together with her 3 children, was resident in the workhouse and maintained at the expense of the parish of Glastonbury. She had run away from the workhouse, taking her children with her, but the following day, two of them, Elizabeth and Hannah, were brought back to the workhouse, while Whitehead, herself, was apprehended some time afterwards. Baller sought to have Whitehead charged with deserting her children.	1846/059
Ponfield	James	Fear	George	26	09	1846	Assault	A	Ponfield, a labourer, claimed that he had been assaulted by Fear, a labourer from East Pennard, who had struck him a violent blow in the eye.	1846/060
Hallett	Elizabeth	Francis	Elizabeth	05	10	1846	Assault	A	Elizabeth Hallett, a single woman, claimed that she had been assaulted by Elizabeth (Betsey) Francis, also a single woman, who had pushed her fists into Hallett's face and threatened her with violence. The incident occurred in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert.	1846/061

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Beer	Eliza	Nutty	George	06	10	1846	Assault	A	Eliza Beer, a single woman, claimed that she had gone to Nutty's house in order to obtain payment of 3/- that he owed her for her work as a bar lady in his inn. Nutty, a labourer and publican, responded that he did not have the money, did not know when he would have it, suggested that if she came to his house again he would kick her out and pushed her firmly away such that she almost fell down the front steps. Nutty appears to have been fined 1/- with costs of 7/6d to be paid immediately or to serve 14 days in prison at Shepton Mallet. Nutty appears to have paid the fine as required.	1846/062a
Bozie	John Weaver	Hildreth	Henry	08	10	1846	Unlicensed hawker or pedlar	Um	Bozie, the inspector of hawkers and pedlars licences, claimed that Hildreth was attempting to purvey his wares, primarily clocks, tea pots, porcelain and china goods, without a valid licence on 2,3,5,6 and 7 October. He issued a separate summons or infringement notice for each day affected.	1846/062b
Edghill	Robert	Somers	Samuel	10	10	1846	Assault	A	Edghill, a police constable, complained that PC Somers, a colleague, had struck his head (i.e. Edghill's head) violently against the wall. The case was dismissed.	1846/063
Willis	Thomas	Dix Dix	William James	13	10	1846	Breach of the peace	Dp	PC Willis charged the two defendants, both described as labourers, with committing a breach of the peace. The Reverend Alexander Burn Russell and Henry William Livett were summoned to give evidence for the prosecution. Neither of the defendants appeared.	1846/064
Willis	Thomas	Rich Dallimore	George Thomas	22	10	1846	Breach of the peace	Dp	PC Willis charged the two defendants, both described as labourers, with committing a breach of the peace. Rich appeared and the case against him was dismissed. Dallimore did not appear.	1846/065

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Barber	James	Gardner Gardner Gardner	James William Charles	23	10	1846	Assault	A	Barber, an innkeeper, claimed that he had been assaulted by the defendants, all described as painters. He asserted that he had been struck several times around the head and face, knocked to the ground and then kicked. Testimony was provided by William Brown, William Badman, Henry Hucker and George Barber; the majority of it was inconclusive. The Gardners were convicted of assault and fined 1/- each with costs of 16/-, to be paid immediately, or to serve 2 calendar months in prison at Shepton Mallet. All defendants appeared to have paid the fines imposed.	1846/066
Meehan	Bernard	Trickey	Thomas	24	10	1846	Desertion from army	M	Meehan, a corporal in the 47th Regiment of Foot, arrested Trickey as a deserter from the 37th Regiment of Foot. Trickey admitted that he was a deserter. Trickey was described as being 7 years and 5 months old (some mistake, surely), about 5'6" in height, with fresh complexion, brown hair and hazel eyes. Meehan was confirmed as being entitled to a reward of 10/- for making the arrest.	1846/067
Thorley	Robert	Pyke	Robert	24	10	1846	Desrtion of wife and family	Ds	Thorley was relieving officer for Wells Union workhouse. He complained that Pyke had run away in June leaving his wife, Eliza, and two children chargeable to the In Parish of St Cuthbert. The cost of their support and maintenance was now said to have reached £6.18s.93/4d. Thorley had now apprehended Pyke and wished to charge him with desertion of his family.	1846/068
Willis	Thomas	Clarke White	William Walter	24	10	1846	Breach of the peace	Dp	PC Willis charged Clarke and White, both described as labourers, with committing a breach of the peace by fighting in a public street. John Allen was summoned to give witness testimony. Both defendants were cautioned and discharged.	1846/069
Gould	Edward	Creedy	Major	27	10	1846	Assault	A	Gould, a farmer in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, claimed that Creedy, described as a labourer, had assaulted him and struck him in the face. The case appears to have been dismissed.	1846/070

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Rush	Joseph	Edwards	Isaac	09	11	1846	Theft of cloth	T	Rush claimed that Edwards had stolen a piece of cloth from him. Edwards was remanded in custody until the next General Quarter Sessions or until otherwise discharged.	1846/071
Somers	Samuel	Hunt	James	12	11	1846	Drunkenness	D	PC Somers charged Hunt with drunkenness. Hunt was found guilty and fined 5/-; the fine was recorded as not being paid. There are no case documents. The information has been obtained from an official return listing fines and penalties where some or all of the fine was payable to the churchwardens of St Cuthberts (see 1847/075).	1846/071a
Hill	William	Phillips Jones	Richard Richard	16	11	1846	Petty trespass	Pt	Hill was the porter of the Wells Union workhouse. Phillips and Jones had come to the workhouse in the evening and applied together for relief and lodging. Hill had put them in the Vagrant's Ward where they were the only occupants. In the morning he found that the freestone of the chimney had been pulled out and broken, a shelf had been broken and a blanket had been torn into small pieces. Phillips and Jones were convicted of petty trespass and were given a penalty of 7/- with costs of 5/6d. According to an official return Phillips and Jones did not pay the fine and were therefore committed to prison; the length of sentence is not specified.	1846/072
Hardwich	Thomas	Millard Slade	William Henry	23	11	1846	Theft of a watch	T	PC Dudderidge had been advised of the theft of a watch belonging to Thomas Hardwich. He went to a beerhouse in Southover where he found and arrested Millard and Slade, both labourers. Although both denied the charge, Slade was shown to have taken the watch from a pawn shop in Shepton and a search found the watch on Millard's person.	1846/073

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Dudderidge	George Webb	Birt	George	30	11	1846	Breach of the peace	Dp	PC Dudderidge had been in Southover where he came across a crowd of people and saw Birt, a labourer, without a coat, waistcoat or shirt. He had apparently been fighting but ran away when he saw Dudderidge. The officer chased and caught him and it was clear that Birt was drunk and had been fighting in the street. He was charged with a breach of the peace and fined 5/-, including costs or to spend 4 hours in the stocks. According to an official return listing fines and penalties where some or all of the fine was payable to the churchwardens of St Cuthberts, Birt did not pay the fine, so, presumably, would have been put in the stocks.	1846/074
Holloway	George	Phipps	Thomas	14	12	1846	Warrant for possession of a tenement	Ev	Holloway of East Brent had rented a tenement in High Street to Thomas Phipps and his wife for a rental of 3/3d per week. Holloway, through his agent and broker, Robert Perry, had issued a notice to quit on Phipps on 2 November 1846, but Phipps had refused to comply. Holloway, again via Perry, requested the issue of a warrant for possession of the property and that warrant was issued. However, on the day of its issue Phipps surrendered possession of the tenement and the warrant was therefore not actioned.	1846/075
Purnell	Charlotte	Purnell	Richard William	28	12	1846	Assault	A	Charlotte Purnell, a resident of Portway, claimed that Richard, her husband, had assaulted and beaten her. She requested that a warrant be issued for his arrest and this request was granted.	1846/076
[Justices]		[Various]		31	12	1846	List of fines and penalties	*	List of fines and penalties from 31 December 1845 to 31 December 1846. Official return.	1846/077

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Dudderidge	George Webb	Stanley Broadway	Matthew John	04	01	1847	Assault on police constable	A	Police serjeant Fuller and PC Dudderidge were called to the Crown Tap to remove Stanley who was creating a disturbance. Stanley resisted violently, attacking Dudderidge and causing him to sprain his ankle. Broadway intervened and tried to release Stanley from custody, using violence and obscene language. Stanley was fined 20/- with costs of 7/6d, or one month in prison with hard labour. Broadway was fined 10/- with costs of 7/6d. Both defendants are recorded as paying the fines imposed. Note: See also case 1844/040a.	1847/001
Binning jnr	Charles	Smith Richards	James George	04	01	1847	Assault	A	Smith and Richards, both labourers, were accused of pushing Binning to the ground and banging his head against a cupboard. Binning had gone into Smith's house in the Liberty of St Andrew to leave something there. On the way out he was grabbed by Smith and thrown to the floor. Richards was also in the house; he tore off Binning's waistcoat and collar. Binning claimed that he had offered no provocation to either of the defendants. Fined 5/- each with costs of 9/6d or 14 days imprisonment. The fines appear to have been paid.	1847/002
Hill	Frances	Simmons	Eliza	09	01	1847	Petty trespass	Pt	Hill, a laundress at Wells Union Workhouse and wife of William Hill, porter in the same location, reported that Simmons, a pauper from Priddy, had smashed 4 panes of glass with a value of 3/-. Simmons was fined 3/- with costs of 7/6d or 10 days imprisonment with hard labour in Shepton Mallet. According to an official return Simmons appears not to have paid the fine and was committed to prison	1847/003

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Seal	John	Sage jnr	Samuel	15	01	1847	Theft of goods	T	John Seal, a butcher from Gloucester Road in Bristol, stated that three shirts and a handkerchief, the property of George Seal, had been stolen from the possession of Charles Lockyear, a common carrier from the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. Seal requested that a warrant be obtained to search the premises of Samuel Sage. PC Thomas Willis searched the premises and found goods matching the description given. No indication of the fate of Sage, but costs of case appear to have been 16/6d.	1847/004
Hamblin	William	Creedy	Major	27	01	1847	Drunkenness	D	Offence in the In Parish of St Cuthbert for having been drunk. Note: for this case there is only the summons.	1847/005
Bozie	John Weaver	Lewis	Dinah	02	02	1847	Non-payment of licence fee	N	Bozie was Inspector of hawkers & pedlars licences. His daughter, Eliza, had found Lewis effectively acting as a shopkeeper and offering a range of drapery goods for sale. Eliza Bozie did not ask to see Lewis' hawker's licence but her father argued that Lewis was travelling from town to town hawking goods without a licence.	1847/006
Baller	Richard Clarke	Burt	George	04	02	1847	Misbehaviour in the workhouse	Dp	Baller, the Master of Wells Union workhouse, found that George Burt, an inmate, was causing a disturbance, talking loudly and disturbing the other inmates. Baller ordered him to desist but Burt refused and also refused to leave the room as instructed by Baller. Burt also resisted removal by Hill, the porter, and his actions led to a tumult in the workhouse that required police intervention. Burt was sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1847/007
Baller	Richard Clarke	Burridge	John	04	02	1847	Incitement to commit an offence	Ic	Baller, the Master of Wells Union workhouse, had instructed William Hill, porter, to remove George Burt from the room, since Burt was causing a disturbance. Hill was prevented from carrying out his orders when Burridge, another inmate, stopped Hill from removing Burt and incited other inmates to support his action. Hill had to call the police in order to quell the riot. Burridge was sentenced to 6 weeks in prison with hard labour.	1847/008

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Baller	Richard Clarke	Higgins	Isabella	08	02	1847	Petty trespass	Pt	Baller, the Master of Wells Union workhouse, complained that Isabella Higgins, a pauper and new inmate, had deliberately broken 9 panes of glass and damaged the frame of a window in the workhouse. Higgins was fined 12/- with costs of 7/6d or to be imprisoned for 14 days. According to an official return Higgins appears not to have paid the fine and was committed to prison.	1847/010
Bozie	John Weaver	Tapley	F	05	02	1847	Unlicensed trading?	N	Tapley was a draper based in Warminster. He had acquired a substantial amount of stock and rented premises in Sadler Street for a month as an outlet through which to sell this stock. The rental was subject to the appropriate local taxes but Bozie, the inspector for hawkers' and pedlars' licences, argued that Tapley was trading illegally by not taking out a licence because he was moving goods from town to town for the purpose of selling. The documents relating to this case represent correspondence between Bozie, Mr Timm, a solicitor for stamps and taxes, and Davies & Foster who were acting as town clerks for the city and borough of Wells. The conclusion appeared to be that Tapley was guilty of an offence but there is no indication of a case having been brought against him.	1847/009
Bathe	Thomas	Sheat	William	10	02	1847	Embezzlement	Em	Sheat was charged with embezzling a sum of more than £18 from the account of his master, Thomas Bathe. Sheat was committed to prison for trial at the forthcoming Quarter Sessions to be held in Wells or to remain there until discharged by the due process of the law. Note: although the date on the case header is given as 10 February, it seems unlikely that this can be correct, since the offence for which Sheat was charged supposedly took place on 13 February. The date of the commitment document appears to have been altered and seems most likely to have been 16 February.	1847/011

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Hill	William	Loxton	Stephen	15	02	1847	Petty trespass	Pt	Hill, the porter at Wells Union workhouse, claimed that Loxton, an inmate chargeable to the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, had deliberately damaged a door. Loxton was fined 5/- (the estimated cost of repair) with costs of 6/6d or to serve 14 days in prison with hard labour. According to an official return Loxton did not pay the fine and was therefore committed to prison.	1847/012
Lovell	Edwin	Foster	W J S	17	02	1847	Meeting notice	*	Notification from the Clerk of the Peace (Lovell) to the Town Clerk (W J S Foster of Davies & Foster) advising the date of the next Quarter Sessions and seeking to make arrangements for processing the associated depositions.	1847/013
Francis	Eliza	Francis	Robert	20	02	1847	Assault	A	Eliza Francis, wife of Francis Francis, a butcher, claimed that she had been assaulted by Robert Francis, also a butcher, who had struck her a violent blow on the neck with a whip. The case was noted as 'settled'.	1847/014
Coleman	Matilda	Willcox	William	22	02	1847	Theft of money	T	Matilda Coleman, a young lady who lived with Elizabeth, the wife of George Green, accused William Willcox, a labourer, of stealing 6/6d in cash from her. Willcox was detained in prison until the next Quarter Sessions. There is a witness statement from Matilda Coleman that breaks off in mid-sentence, and another statement from a Robert Willcox who denies saying that he saw William Willcox and Matilda Coleman together, but he did see William Willcox talking to a lady named Bennett.	1847/015
Creedy	Emma	Dix	Edward Hooper	23	02	1847	Fraud	Fr	Emma Creedy, widow, had a parcel delivered to her door by Dix. He claimed that it had come from Swansea and he had received it from the waggoner. Creedy paid him four pence as the carriage charge and waited for her daughter, also named Emma, to return home before opening the package which was addressed to Miss Emma Creedy. The package contained a packet of hay and a piece of a horse's tail. The case was withdrawn.	1847/016

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Jacobs	William	Moon Dix	John Abraham	08	03	1847	Non-payment of Friendly Society benefits	N	Jacobs was a member of the East Wells Brotherly Friendly Society. He was a butcher and when he became ill and was unable to work, he applied to the Friendly Society for the weekly payment of 6/- to which he understood he was entitled. However, the Friendly Society, represented by its officers, Moon and Dix, both described as labourers, did not pay Jacobs. On receipt of Jacobs' complaint, the justices required the officers of the society to appear before them and to present the rules and regulations of the society and justify their refusal to pay Jacobs his benefits. William White, a butcher like Jacobs, was also summoned as a witness.	1847/017
Allen	Ann	Thomas	Mary Ann	08	03	1847	Petty trespass	Pt	Allen was the wife of Robert Allen, an inmate of Wells Union workhouse. She witnessed the arrival of Mary Ann Thomas into the workhouse and testified that, soon after, Thomas deliberately broke 3 panes of glass. Thomas was fined 2/6d with a penalty of 1/- and costs of 6/6d, all to be paid immediately or to spend 14 days in prison with hard labour in Shepton Mallet gaol. According to an official return Thomas did not pay the fine and was therefore committed to prison.	1847/018
Tanner	Elizabeth	Hawker	Henry	07	04	1847	Petty trespass	Pt	Elizabeth Tanner was the wife of Edward Tanner, a publican. She complained that Hawker, a butcher, had come into her public house in the In Parish of St Cuthbert and had wilfully damaged a straw hat which was the property of Edward Tanner and had a value of 2/3d. The case was dismissed because the complainant did not appear at the hearing.	1847/019
Moon	John	Heale	William	07	04	1847	Petty trespass	Pt	Moon, a labourer, accused Heale, a blacksmith, of wilfully breaking a pane of glass in the house of Rebecca Farrow in the In Parish of St Cuthbert.	1847/020
Foster	James	Sweet	John	15	04	1847	Assault	A	Foster, described as a labourer, claimed that he was assaulted by Sweet, also a labourer, with Sweet striking him several violent blows on the head and kicking him several times on the body.	1847/021

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Baker	William	Pearce Pearce Jones	James John Austin	16	04	1847	Theft of weights	T	John Pearce claimed that he had not stolen weights from Baker, but had been given them by Austin Jones with a request to take them to Bristol - which he had done. On the other hand, James Pearce admitted that he had stolen weights from Baker, with the assistance of Jones.	1847/022
Young	Sylvia	Sweet	Charles	04	05	1847	Sureties against future behaviour	Su	Sweet, a mason, was summoned to justify why he should not have to find sureties with respect to his future conduct towards Sylvia Young, his mother.	1847/023
Baller	Richard Clarke	Tyley	James	10	05	1847	Petty trespass	Pt	Baller was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Tyley, an inmate of the workhouse, had apparently broken the lock on the door to the Cheese Room and had damaged the door. Another inmate, John Davis, testified that Tyley had smashed the lock. Tyley was fined 5/- with costs of 9/6d or to serve 14 days in prison at Shepton Mallet. According to an official return Tyley did not pay the fine and was therefore committed to prison.	1847/024
Willis	Thomas	Allen	Joseph	11	05	1847	Indecent exposure	le	PC Willis accused Allen, a labourer, of wilfully, obscenely and lewdly exposing his person in the Liberty of St Andrew with an intent to insult females. Case was adjourned to 7 June and dismissed on payment of 3/-.	1847/025
Willis	Thomas	Francis	Thomas	11	05	1847	Indecent exposure	le	PC Willis accused Francis, a labourer, of wilfully, obscenely and lewdly exposing his person in the Liberty of St Andrew with an intent to insult females. The case was adjourned to 7 June and dismissed on payment of costs.	1847/026
Slater	Jonathan	Slater	Ann	12	05	1847	Petty trespass	Pt	Jonathan Slater, a pensioner from the In Parish of St Cuthbert, complained that Ann Slater, the wife of William Slater, had deliberately and wilfully broken two panes of glass at his property. The case was dismissed.	1847/027

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Slater	Ann	Slater	John	14	05	1847	Wilful damage	Wd	Ann Slater claimed that John Slater, described as a labourer, had deliberately and wilfully broken a quantity of earthenware that belonged to her; the estimated value of the damaged goods was 5/-. This incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert and apparently occurred on the day prior to the incident described in case 1847/027 - which may therefore have been an act of reprisal.	1847/028
Fuller	Thomas	York Willcox	John Adam	18	05	1847	Drunkenness	D	PC Fuller charged York and Willcox with drunkenness. Both were found guilty and fined 5/- each. Neither appears to have paid the fine. There are no case documents. The information has been obtained from an official return listing fines and penalties where some or all of the fine was payable to the churchwardens of St Cuthberts (see 1847/075).	1847/028a
Howe	Elizabeth	Crandon	William	19	05	1847	Assault	A	Elizabeth Howe, wife of William Howe, complained that she had been assaulted by Crandon who had struck her several times on the body. The case was settled without a hearing.	1847/029
Seal	Mary	Hawkins	James	26	05	1847	Assault	A	Mary Seal, wife of Francis Seal, a labourer resident in West Horrington, claimed that Hawkins, also a labourer from West Horrington, had struck her a blow in the face, The case was described as 'settled'.	1847/030
Isgrave	James	Porter	Thomas	26	05	1847	Petty trespass	Pt	Isgrave, described as a labourer, found Porter at 3.15am throwing stones, pantiles and similar objects at a property belonging to Nancy Riddle. Porter broke 33 panes of glass valued at £1. Porter was fined 20/- with costs of 7/6d or to serve 2 weeks in prison in Shepton Mallet. According to an official return Porter did not pay the fine and was therefore committed to prison.	1847/031

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Fuller	Thomas	Porter	Thomas	26	05	1847	Assault	A	PC Fuller found Porter behaving in a drunk and disorderly fashion in St Cuthbert Place at around 3.45am, presumably having been called to the scene of case 1847/031. As he was being arrested, Porter became violent and attacked PC Fuller. Porter was fined 40/- with costs of 7/6d or to serve 2 weeks with hard labour in prison at Shepton Mallet. Note: See also case 1844/040a.	1847/032
Lambert	Elizabeth	Mayger	William	10	06	1847	Theft of ring	T	Elizabeth Lambert complained that Mayger was unlawfully detaining a ring that belonged to her.	1847/033
Berry	James	Richards	William	24	06	1847	Ill-treatment of apprentice	It	Berry, an indentured apprentice working for Richards, a basket maker, complained that he had been ill-treated by Richards who had neglected to teach him the trade. Richards was ordered to fulfil the terms of the indenture.	1847/034
Heale	George	Vowles	William	05	07	1847	Assault	A	Heale, a blacksmith, claimed that he had been assaulted by Vowles, a butcher. The case was dismissed.	1847/035
Dudderidge	George Webb	Moyston	George	21	07	1847	Theft	T	PC Dudderidge arrested Moyston, a railway worker from East Wells, who was carrying a large bag on his shoulder. Dudderidge suspected that it was stolen property. Moyston refused to say who owned the bag or what it contained, but then claimed it was a bag of rock powder weighing 96lb. Dudderidge asked that Moyston be detained while he sought further evidence. Moyston was released on bail of £20 while Dudderidge was allowed 3 days to gather further evidence. According to Sarah, Moyston's wife, the contents of the bag had come from a tub in their house at Pedwelly near Newport in Monmouthshire. Her husband had instructed her to get the bag to Wells and she had employed the services of W Norman & Co who ran a regular carrier service between Bristol and Wells. The waggon driver of the company stated that he thought the contents of the bag were gunpowder.	1847/036

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Somers	Samuel	Padfield	George	31	07	1847	Offence against licence	L	PC Somers charged Padfield with selling beer on a Sunday before 1.00pm, the permitted opening time. Padfield was fined 40/. According to an official return the fine was actually 6d and was paid by Padfield.	1847/037
Baller	Richard Clarke	Durbin	Alexander	07	08	1847	Deserting wife and children	Ds	Baller was master of Wells Union workhouse. Durbin, a resident of Chewton Mendip, had deserted his wife, Harriet, and their 5 children who had become chargeable to the parish of Chewton. Harriet and her children, Charles aged 12, Caroline 9, John 6, Mary Ann 4 and William 8 months had all been placed in Wells Union workhouse. Durbin had evidently been apprehended and was described as able-bodied and well capable of supporting his family.	1847/038
Dudderidge	George Webb	Hall	James	09	08	1847	Housebreaking	Be	PC Dudderidge charged Hall with breaking and entering; he gained access to a warehouse from which he stole earthenware products.	1847/039
Grist	Mary Ann	Grist	William Thomas	11	08	1847	Assault	A	Grist, a printer, was accused by his wife, Mary Ann, of beating her about the head and body with a table leg. Grist was required to put forward a surety of £100 of his own money and to keep the peace for 6 months.	1847/040
Brooks	Benjamin	Saunders	James	10	08	1847	Fraud	Fr	PC Brooks claimed that Saunders had paid for a pint of beer at the George Inn with counterfeit silver. The case was dismissed as there was no evidence of habitual offence.	1847/041
Slater	John	Slater	Ann	11	08	1847	Assault	A	John Slater, a labourer, claimed that Ann, wife of William Slater, had struck him several times. The case was dismissed.	1847/042
Slater	Sarah	Slater	Ann	11	08	1847	Assault	A	Sarah Slater was the wife of John Slater. She claimed that Ann Slater, the wife of William Slater, had struck her and thrown her down. The case was dismissed.	1847/043
Slade Fry	John John	Woods	James	21	08	1847	Petty trespass	Pt	Slade and Fry accused Woods of breaking a lock and drawing the flood hatch at the Palace moat. The case was dismissed.	1847/045
Baller	Richard Clarke	Labdon	William	24	08	1847	Deserting children	Ds	Baller was master of Wells Union workhouse. Labdon deserted his 3 children, James, Edwin and Alfred, who became inmates of Wells Union workhouse and chargeable to the parish of Glastonbury.	1847/044

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Willis	Thomas	Moore	Thomas	27	08	1847	Drunk and disorderly	D	PC Willis arrested Moore, a coal haulier, on a charge of being drunk & disorderly.	1847/046
Stevens	George	Christopher	James	06	09	1847	Assault	A	Stevens, a labourer from Woodford in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, claimed that he was subject to an unprovoked attack by Christopher who struck him at least three severe blows and drew lots of blood from his face; the incident took place in the Market Place. The incident was witnessed by PC Dudderidge who confirmed Stevens' version of events. Christopher was fined 30/- with costs of 10/-, or to serve 4 weeks in prison at Shepton Mallet. The fine appears to have been paid, but only after Christopher had initially been committed to prison.	1847/047
Sawtell	Hebe	Helliar	Joseph	09	09	1847	Theft of bread	T	Hebe Sawtell, a baker in High Street, employed Joseph Helliar, a youngster less than 14 years old, as a servant in the shop. He was not responsible for selling bread to customers. However, he was seen by James Hawkins taking bread from the shop and did not pay any money back to Mrs Sawtell. It was therefore claimed that Helliar had stolen from her a loaf of bread valued at 3d. Helliar was found guilty of the theft and sentenced to 7 days imprisonment during which time he would also be privately whipped on one occasion.	1847/047a
Appleby	Samuel	Hunt	Edward	18	09	1847	Misbehaviour by an apprentice	Ab	Appleby, a shoe maker, had employed Hunt as an apprentice. Hunt had absconded on several occasions, usually going to Bath and staying away for at least a week on each occasion. Appleby had forgiven Hunt his misdemeanours up to this point, but it was Hunt's mother's express wish that legal proceedings be pursued on this occasion to teach the young man a lesson. Hunt was committed to Shepton Mallet for 4 days and sentenced to be whipped.	1847/048

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Willis	Thomas	Foster	Elizabeth	30	09	1847	Theft	T	PC Willis had received information that suggested Elizabeth Foster was guilty of a felony. He requested that the defendant be remanded in custody while he gathered more evidence. Foster was remanded for a further 24 hours but then was discharged.	1847/049
Creedy	Major	Francis	Robert	22	09	1847	Assault	A	Creedy, a plasterer, claimed that he had been struck in the face by Francis, a butcher. Francis admitted the offence and was fined 1/- with costs of 7/- or to be sent to prison for 7 days. The fine appears to have been paid.	1847/050
Cooke	John	Perry	Robert	23	09	1847	Assault	A	Cook, a grocer, claimed that he was assaulted by Perry, a broker, who stamped on his foot. The case was settled without a hearing.	1847/051
Stowell	Thomas	Loxton	Henry	27	09	1847	Misbehaviour by an apprentice	Ab	Stowell, a shoe maker, had employed Loxton as an apprentice. Loxton had absconded and generally misbehaved in this role. Supporting evidence for Stowell's complaint was provided by Robert Brown, also a shoemaker. Note: the handwriting is unclear and it is possible the surname is Howell.	1847/052
[Justices]		[Various]		19	10	1847	Forms for use in cases involving juvenile offenders	*	A series of forms for recording the events, outcomes and expenses in cases where the defendant / offender is a juvenile. These forms do not contain any data affecting a specific case.	1847/052a
Lowman	James	Russell Millard	Elizabeth John	25	10	1847	Rescuing an ass en route to the pound	Op	Lowman, a labourer, claimed that Russell and Millard, the latter a butcher, freed an ass that was being taken, legally, to the pound in Southover. The defendants were fined 1/- each with costs of 12/-. The fines appear to have been paid.	1847/053
Dudderidge	George Webb	Parsons jnr	Joseph	28	10	1847	Letting off squib	Dp	PC Dudderidge arrested Parsons for letting off a squib in the Market Place following a complaint from Caroline Willis, spinster, and six witnesses. The witnesses included John William Hoare, a spirits merchant; Jeffery Binning, linen draper; Henry Baker, linen draper; John Barth, linen draper; Francis Oxley, writer. The case was dismissed.	1847/054

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Dudderidge	George Webb	Griffiths	James	02	11	1847	Early release from gaol	RI	PC Dudderidge arrested Griffiths and his wife, Margaret, for illegally hawking tobacco without a licence. Griffiths and his wife were initially remanded until Dudderidge assembled evidence to bring charges. Griffiths was subsequently found guilty and sentenced to 3 months in prison with hard labour. The magistrates later reviewed his case and reduced his sentence to 6 weeks, whereupon they requested the governor of Shepton Mallet prison to release Griffiths once that 6-week period was over.	1847/055
Baller	Richard Clarke	Moore	John	03	11	1847	Neglecting to maintain family	Ds	Baller was master of Wells Union workhouse. Moore was regarded as an able-bodied man, well capable of maintaining his wife and 3 children by work. However, he was refusing to maintain them and as a result they were now inmates of the workhouse and chargeable to the parish. Moore was described as idle and dissolute, and sentenced to 14 days in gaol with hard labour.	1847/056
Purnell	Thomas	Mansfield	???	06	11	1847	Assault	A	Purnell, a surgeon, claimed that Mansfield, a commercial traveller, had held a fist to his face and threatened to assault him. The case was settled without a hearing.	1847/057

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Brampton	James	Baker	Edmund	09	11	1847	Theft of tools	T	PC Dudderidge apprehended Baker on suspicion that he had stolen tools from Brampton to whom he had been apprenticed. He had stayed on for a while after his apprenticeship had finished but then had been discharged by Brampton for dishonestly obtaining bread from Bathe's bakery in Sadler Street using Brampton's name. Baker claimed that some of the tools found in the box at Mrs Thyers' house, where he was lodging, belonged to him and he had borrowed some from Brampton but the latter denied ever having allowed Baker to borrow tools for work undertaken outside Brampton's premises. He also claimed that elm planks found next to the box had been bought from Brampton for 3/6d, but then apparently admitted to PC Buck that this was untrue. The case against Baker was dismissed.	1847/058
Porter	John	Hawker	Henry	09	11	1847	Drunkenness	D	PC Porter charged Hawker, a butcher, with being drunk in a public place. Hawker was fined 5/- with costs of 4/-.	1847/059
Willis	Thomas	Padfield	George	09	11	1847	Offence against licence	L	PC Willis visited Padfield's beerhouse at 7.30am on a Sunday and found James Christopher there with a cup of cider as well as William White and Charles Marshall, although the latter two did not seem to have a drink. Christopher claimed that he had stayed overnight at Padfield's and had asked for cider, bread and cheese for his breakfast. He had not paid or offered to pay for them because he was given them in return for carrying out some work for Padfield. The charge of selling beer on a Sunday before the start of legal opening hours at 1.00pm may still have been pursued, but there is no indication of the outcome. Padfield was fined £10 as this was his second offence.	1847/060

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Dudderidge	George Webb	Harford	John	10	11	1847	Theft of clothes	T	PC Dudderidge charged Harford with stealing several items of clothing from his master, Thomas Davis, in Newport, Monmouthshire. Dudderidge had apprehended Harford, a native of Polsham, between Wells and Glastonbury, having seen him described in the Police Gazette. Harford admitted the charge and various items of the clothing stolen were found at the house of Harford's mother in Polsham. Harford appears to have been sent to Newport for trial.	1847/061
Moyston	George	Seal	Francis	11	11	1847	Assault	A	Moyston, a carpenter, had made a cart for Seal, described as a labourer. Seal came to collect the cart but Moyston would not let him have it because it was not paid for. At this point Seal struck him in the face with his fist and knocked out two teeth. The case was dismissed.	1847/062
Porter	John	Hawker	Henry	15	11	1847	Drunkenness	D	PC Porter charged Hawker, a butcher, with being drunk in a public place. Hawker was fined 5/- ; the fine was recorded as paid. There are no case documents. The information has been obtained from an official return listing fines and penalties where some or all of the fine was payable to the churchwardens of St Cuthberts (see 1847/075).	1847/062a
Porter	John	Crandon	William	24	11	1847	Drunkenness	D	PC Porter charged Crandon with being drunk in a public place. Crandon was fined 5/- ; the fine was recorded as paid. There are no case documents. The information has been obtained from an official return listing fines and penalties where some or all of the fine was payable to the churchwardens of St Cuthberts (see 1847/075).	1847/062b

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Binning	George	Lockyear	George	25	11	1847	Releasing asses that had been impounded	Op	Two asses were found being pastured on fields occupied by Binning, a farmer. George Hatcher drove the animals to the yard of the Goat Inn, an area occupied by Binning, prior to the asses being impounded. Later that evening the lock on the yard gate was broken and the asses led away. Binning accused Lockyear, the owner of the asses, of taking them away, Lockyear having been identified by the imprint of the base of a wooden leg in the earth by the yard gate. Lockyear was fined 5/- with costs of 8/6d or to serve 14 days in prison at Shepton Mallet. The fine appears to have been paid.	1847/063
Binning	George	Seal	George	25	11	1847	Releasing asses that had been impounded	Op	See case 1847/063. On the basis of a statement provided by PC Somers, who had seen George Lockyear and George Seal together shortly before the asses had been released, Binning accused Seal, a labourer, of assisting Lockyear in their release. Seal had apparently left Wells, meaning that the summons could not be served on him, so it was decided to defer the case until Seal returned to Wells.	1847/064
Porter	John	White	William	25	11	1847	Assault	A	Police serjeant Porter was called to a disturbance at the Antelope Inn. When he arrived William Crandon was at the door and tried to prevent Porter going in. Porter had pushed him aside and went in. Porter was then told by the landlord that the row was over and that PCs Dudderidge and Somers were already there. On his way out Porter was accosted by White, a butcher, who objected to the way in which Porter had dealt with Crandon. White threatened Porter with physical violence and took up a fighting attitude with his fists in Porter's face, while abusing Porter in particularly offensive language. White appears to have been fined 5/- with costs of 8/6d or to serve 14 days in prison at Shepton Mallet.	1847/065

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Saunders	John	Sweet	John	01	12	1847	Assault (stabbing)	A	Saunders and his companions were walking down High Street where they encountered Sweet, his wife and children and another young lady later identified as Elizabeth Bond. Saunders and George Haggett were both interested in the young woman who appeared to be accompanied by Frederick Rose and this led them into an argument with Sweet, an argument which continued down to the Mermaid Inn. Around this point, close to Sweet's house, the row intensified and Saunders was struck by Sweet in the side, apparently with a knife. After further skirmishes Saunders went to the police station and reported his injury. Sweet was then arrested and, although he tried to hide a knife by passing it to his wife, it was discovered by police serjeant Porter. Testimony was provided by George Haggett and John Rolls, companions of Saunders. Purnell, a surgeon, examined Saunders and stated that the wound could well have been caused by the knife taken from Sweet. Sweet was bound over in the sum of £40, but at the hearing the charge appears to have been dismissed.	1847/066
Baller	Richard Clarke	Willey	Elizabeth	02	12	1847	Petty trespass	Pt	Baller was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Willey, a pauper inmate, was accused of deliberately damaging a door in the workhouse using both a crowbar and a knife. The accusation was supported by the testimony of Joanna Linham, another pauper inmate. The damage to the door was estimated at 7/-. Willey was fined 7/- with costs of 7/6d and a further penalty of 5/6d or to serve 2 months with hard labour in prison at Shepton Mallet. According to an official return Willey was unable to pay the fine and was therefore committed to prison.	1847/067
Barnard	William	White	John	03	12	1847	Assault	A	Barnard, a butcher, claimed that White, also a butcher, had assaulted him in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, striking him several times in the head and face. The case was settled without a hearing.	1847/068

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Bishop of Bath & Wells		Cardwell	James	03	12	1847	Shooting a duck	C	The Bishop of Bath & Wells accused Cardwell of shooting a duck. Cardwell was found guilty of the offence and fined 5/-. There is no documentation for this case other than the entry in an official return of fines and penalties for 1847; there is therefore no document corresponding to this reference number other than a link to case reference 1847/074 which is the list of fines and penalties.	1847/068a
Howe	Elizabeth	Crandon	William	07	12	1847	Cruelty to animals	C	Elizabeth Howe, wife of William Howe, complained that Crandon had beaten a cat belonging to her husband and herself such that the cat had lost an eye. The case was adjourned.	1847/069
Howe	William	Crandon	William	13	12	1847	Cruelty to animals	C	William Howe, a shoemaker, claimed that Crandon, a labourer, had attacked his cat, knocking out one of its eyes. John Andrews, a chimney sweep, who claimed to have been with Crandon at the time, said that Crandon had not touched the cat because they had been in the middle of the road and the cat was on a window sill of Howe's house as they went by. Crandon was fined 5/- with costs of 8/- or to serve 7 days in prison at Shepton Mallet. This appears to be the same case as 1847/069. Crandon appears to have paid the fine.	1847/070
Dudderidge	George Webb	Brook	David	14	12	1847	Drunk and disorderly	D	Brook was arrested for being drunk and disorderly. When arrested, he assaulted the arresting officers, rendering himself liable to a penalty of £5. He was instructed to leave Wells immediately, otherwise he would be charged with assaulting a police officer. For the time being, as he had 9/5d in cash, he was fined 5/- for being drunk and disorderly, with costs of 1/-; the fine was recorded as paid. The case header document indicates that Brook was deaf and dumb but this is not evident from the text of the case, although Brook's responses frequently appear to miss the point of the question.	1847/071

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Baller	Richard Clarke	Pain Sidham Abbot	Joseph Edward Edward	21	12	1847	Petty trespass	Pt	Baller was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Pain, Sidham and Abbot were admitted as vagrants early in the evening and put in the vagrants' ward. Shortly afterwards, the door between the vagrants' ward and the schoolroom was broken open and Pain got into the schoolroom. The defendants were fined 5/- to cover the damage, with costs of 7/6d or, in default of immediate payment, would serve 14 days with hard labour in Shepton Mallet prison. According to an official return all three defendants were subsequently committed to prison for the offence.	1867/072
Jones	Richard	Loxton	John	22	12	1847	Assault	A	Jones, a labourer from Godney, claimed that Loxton, a private soldier, had struck him violently in the face. The case was settled without a hearing.	1847/073
[Justices]		[Various]		31	12	1847	List of fines and penalties	*	List of fines and penalties covering the period 31 December 1846 to 31 December 1847. Official return.	1847/074
[Justices]		[Various]		31	12	1847	List of fines and penalties	*	List of fines and penalties covering the period 31 December 1843 to 31 December 1847, where some or all of the fine was payable to the churchwardens. Official return	1847/075

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Dowling	George	Chilvers	David	01	01	1848	Petty trespass	Pt	Dowling was schoolmaster in Wells Union workhouse. Chilvers was a workhouse inmate who had arrived only the day before. Together with George Chilvers, David Chilvers broke 13 windows in the workhouse to a value of 13/- by throwing stones. He was fined 7/- with costs of 7/-; in the event of default he would be committed to Shepton Mallet prison for 14 days with hard labour. According to an official return Chilvers did not pay the fine and was committed to prison for 14 days.	1848/001
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Dowling	George	Chilvers	George	01	01	1848	Petty trespass	Pt	Dowling was schoolmaster in Wells Union workhouse. Chilvers was a workhouse inmate who had arrived only the day before. Together with David Chilvers, George Chilvers broke 13 windows in the workhouse to a value of 13/- by throwing stones. He was fined 6/- with costs of 7/-; in the event of default he would be committed to Shepton Mallet prison for 14 days with hard labour. According to an official return Chilvers did not pay the fine and was committed to prison for 14 days.	1848/002
Porter	John	Mead	Edward	12	01	1848	Offence against licence	L	Mead had his alehouse open for business and had served alcohol to customers before the start of statutory licensing hours. He was fined 1/- with costs of 8/-. The fine is recorded as having been paid.	1848/003
Porter	John	Padfield	George	12	01	1848	Offence against licence	L	Padfield was a beerhouse keeper who was found to have his business open for the sale of alcoholic liquor beyond the end of the statutory licensing hours. Padfield was fined 20/- with costs of 8/-. The fine appears to have been paid.	1848/004
Porter	John	Price	Lewis	12	01	1848	Offence against licence	L	Price was found to have opened his alehouse before permitted by the statutory licensing hours and served alcohol to customers who were not travellers or residents. Fined 1/- with costs of 8/- The fine is recorded as having been paid.	1848/005
Bartlett	Thomas	West	Thomas	17	01	1848	Pound breach	Op	Bartlett, a farmer occupying land in the In Parish of St Cuthbert, found a horse on his land belonging to Edward Bowell. Bartlett had the horse put safe in the locked pound, but on the following morning the pound gate was open and the horse gone. Bartlett claimed that the horse was in the possession of Thomas West of Glastonbury.	1848/006

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Snelgrove	George	Bowell Oxley	Edward Matthew	20	01	1848	Pound breach	Op	Snelgrove was a hayward and therefore responsible for impounding stray animals. Bowell and Oxley were both described as labourers. They were charged with effecting the pound breach (see 1848/006) that led to the release of 2 horses, presumably including the horse belonging to Bowell that had been depastured on the land occupied by Thomas Bartlett.	1848/007
Ridley	John	Moyston jnr	George	24	01	1848	Theft of bread	T	Ridley, a shopkeeper who did not live at his shop, stated that various items had gone missing from his premises. He decided to check certain items of stock, namely, bread, herrings and cheese, by marking them in pencil or with crosses; in addition he also left 12 halfpence pieces in a drawer. He checked his shop on a Sunday morning and then again at lunchtime and on the second occasion found that bread, a herring and some of the money were missing. Part of a loaf of bread was found on the person of George Moyston jnr, a youth of 13 years and 10 months, when Ridley and the police visited his home. Moyston admitted that he had stolen the bread and a herring. He was sentenced to a private whipping and then discharged, rather than being sent to prison.	1848/007a
Porter	John	Francis	Richard	05	02	1848	Cruelty to animals	C	Police serjeant Porter charged Francis with cruelty by driving a bull that had a broken leg. Francis was fined 5/- with costs of 7/6; in the event of default, then 14 days in prison. The fine is recorded as having been paid.	1848/008
Hawker	Henry	Moon	James	07	02	1848	Assault	A	PC Dudderidge found Hawker and Moon fighting outside the Sun Inn in Grove Lane. He took both men into custody. Moon was fined 9/- with costs of 11/- or 1 calendar month in jail. The fine is recorded as having been paid.	1848/009

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Hill	William	Cox	George	07	02	1848	Petty trespass	Pt	Hill was porter at Wells Union workhouse, Cox was an inmate. Hill found that someone had broken the lock on the store where beans were kept. Cox had admitted to William Brown, another inmate, that he had got into the bean store but could not lock the door again. Cox was fined 1/- with costs of 6/-. According to an official return Cox did not pay the fine and was committed to prison.	1848/010
Hill	William	Tyley	James	07	02	1848	Theft of beans	T	William Hill was porter of Wells Union workhouse. He claimed that Tyley, a pauper inmate aged 13 years and 3 months, had stolen a quantity of beans from the store after the lock on the door had been broken with an iron rod. The value of the beans stolen was variously estimated at 4d, 1/- and 4/- in different documents. William Brown, another inmate, had seen Tyley with beans hidden under his smock and had seen George Cox eating beans (see also 1848/010). Tyley was found guilty and sentenced to be whipped once in private rather than being sent to prison.	1848/010a
Porter	John	Binning	George	09	02	1848	Selling alcohol during the hours of divine service	L	Police serjeant Porter charged Binning, alehouse keeper of the Goat Inn, with serving alcohol outside licensing hours, in particular, during the hours of divine service. Case appears to relate Sunday 23rd January. The case was dismissed.	1848/011
Porter	John	Binning	George	09	02	1848	Selling alcohol during the hours of divine service	L	Police serjeant Porter charged Binning, alehouse keeper of the Goat Inn, with serving alcohol outside licensing hours, in particular, during the hours of divine service. Case appears to relate to Sunday 6 February. The case was dismissed.	1848/012
Porter	John	Bird	George	09	02	1848	Selling alcohol during the hours of divine service	L	Police serjeant Porter charged Bird, a beerhouse keeper, with serving alcohol outside licensing hours. Bird was fined 1/- with costs of 7/6d. The fine appears to have been paid.	1848/013
Hole	John	Mears	Sarah	08	02	1848	Theft of cheese	T	Hole, a farmer of Westbury, claimed that two cheeses had been stolen from his property. He believed that they had been taken by Sarah Mears, a servant in his employ.	1848/014

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Somers	Samuel	White White White	John Thomas William	16	02	1848	Breach of the peace	Dp	PC Somers accused the defendants, all described as labourers, of a breach of the peace. They were bound over in the sum of £20 which they themselves were to put forward to keep the peace for the next 6 months.	1848/15a
Porter	John	Padfield	George	23	02	1848	Drunkenness	D	PC Porter charged Padfield, a licensed beerhouse keeper, with drunkenness. The case was not pressed; Padfield was reprimanded and discharged.	1848/15b
Hill	William	Whitehead	John	23	02	1848	Theft of key and beans	T	William Hill was porter of Wells Union workhouse. He claimed that Whithead, an inmate aged 13 years and 6 months (vouched for by his mother, Sarah), had stolen a key which enabled him to gain access to a room from which he was able to steal some beans. Hill was informed by Joseph Helliari, another inmate, that Whitehead and other boys were not working but were eating beans. Hill had then searched Whitehead and found the stolen key. Whitehead admitted stealing the key and the beans. He was sentenced to be whipped once in private rather than being imprisoned.	1848/15c
Porter	John	Henderson	Robert	06	03	1848	Desertion	M	Henderson, a member of 54th Foot, and his two companions asked for lodgings at the police station as they had spent all their money during a day's leave and were not able to get back to their regiment in Exeter. He claimed that they were not deserters and would return to their regiment as soon as they could, but Porter, the station serjeant, would only take them in as deserters. Henderson was described as being 20 years old, about 5'7" tall, with a fresh complexion, grey eyes and dark brown hair. He was said to have enlisted in July 1847 in Durham. See also 1848/016b and 1848/016c	1848/016a
Porter	John	Driscoll	Daniel	06	03	1848	Desertion	M	See 1848/16a for more information	1848/016b
Porter	John	Sweenie	Edward	06	03	1848	Desertion	M	See 1848/16a for more information	1848/016c

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Saunders	William	Saunders	John	06	03	1848	Assault	A	William Saunders claimed that he was attacked in his own home by his son, John, who then assaulted his brothers. John Saunders was convicted and fined 40/- with costs of 15/-, or to be sent to gaol for 2 calendar months. According to an official return John Saunders did not pay the fine and was committed to prison for 2 calendar months.	1848/017
Pearse	Robert	Shew	Amelia	06	03	1848	Theft of money	T	Ann Pearse, wife of Robert Pearse, ran a shop in High Street. Late in the evening, there was no customer in the shop and she went into the adjoining kitchen. Her daughter, Sarah Emma, called out to her that the light in the shop had gone out. When Ann Pearse went back into the shop carrying a candle, she found a girl crawling on her hands and knees behind the till. The girl got up and ran off. The till was partly open and the sixpenny piece that Ann Pearse said she had put in it immediately before going into the kitchen was missing. Sarah Emma identified the girl as Amelia Shew, a 12-year old according to her widowed mother, Jane. Amelia Shew was convicted of the theft of Robert Pearse's money and was sent to prison in Shepton Mallet for 14 days with hard labour.	1848/017a
Moore	Thomas	Sweet	John	16	03	1848	Assault	A	Moore, a labourer, claimed that Sweet, also described as a labourer, had pushed his fists into his (Moore's) face in a threatening manner. The incident took place in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. The case was settled without a hearing.	1848/018
Porter	John	Tucker	John	24	03	1848	Obtaining goods on false pretences	Fr	Police serjeant Porter requested that Tucker be remanded in custody for 1 day in order to gather evidence on which to bring charges. The defendant was discharged as there was insufficient evidence on which to proceed.	1848/019

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Baller	Richard Clarke	Trickey	Thomas	29	04	1848	Refusal to work	Rw	Baller was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Trickey was an inmate who had been instructed to break a certain quantity of stone before dinner. The task had not been completed but Trickey refused to continue. He was arrested and sentenced to 7 days in prison with hard labour.	1848/020
Baller	Richard Clarke	Cox	George	29	04	1848	Refusal to work	Rw	Baller was the master of Wells Union workhouse. Cox was an inmate who had been instructed to break a certain quantity of stone before dinner. The task had not been completed but Cox refused to continue to work at 2.00pm and again at 3.30pm He was arrested and sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1848/021
Hill	William	Whitehead	Sarah	17	05	1848	Petty trespass	Pt	Hill was porter at Wells Union workhouse, Sarah Whitehead was an inmate. Whitehead was locked in the refractory ward for neglecting her children. While in this ward she deliberately broke 3 panes of glass with an estimated value of 12/-. She stated that she wished she had broken all the panes of glass in the room. She was fined 12/- with costs of 7/- or to serve 14 days in gaol with hard labour. According to an official return Whitehead did not pay the fine and was committed to prison for 14 days.	1848/022
Buck	Abraham	Syms	Sarah	22	05	1848	Refusal to pay market toll	N	Buck was collector of tolls. He charged Sarah Syms with refusing to pay a market toll of 1/- due on the confectionery products that she was selling. Syms was discharged on payment of costs of 2/6d.	1848/023

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Porter	John	Barnard	William	05	06	1848	Assault on police officer	A	Police serjeant Porter was called to the Market Place to arrest James White on a felony charge. Witness accounts of the incident vary with one person suggesting that Porter asked Barnard, a butcher, to assist in arresting White. Barnard was said to be drunk and appeared to attempt to rescue White by assaulting Porter, although at least two witnesses said that he did not touch Porter. Barnard was convicted and fined 20/- with costs of 12/6d. He was unable to pay and had no goods that could be confiscated, so was sent to prison for 1 calendar month. A return to HM Treasury indicated that the fine of £1 was actually paid by Barnard.	1848/024
Hall	James	Green	William	05	06	1848	Assault	A	Hall, a labourer from Ashwick, claimed that Green, described as a labourer from Easton, had struck him a violent blow. Neither party appeared at the hearing and the case was dismissed.	1848/025
Porter	John	White	James	12	06	1848	Theft of meat	T	Police serjeant Porter arrested White in the Market Place for stealing meat from the shop of Joseph White. White was almost 'rescued' from arrest by the intervention of others (see 1848/024) and Porter claimed that in the affray White had assaulted him. White was reprimanded and discharged.	1848/026
Davies	Robert	Wright aka Smith	William	20	06	1848	Straggler / deserter from H.M.S Belle Isle	M	Wright aka Smith was held on suspicion of being a 'straggler' from H.M.S Belle Isle because his description fitted an entry in the Police Gazette. The Admiralty declined to pursue the case.	1848/027
French	George Henry	Goodfellow	George	22	06	1848	Incorrect application of excise rules	Fr	Goodfellow, the postmaster in the Liberty of St Andrew, rented a horse to French for a day when the horse should have been charged per mile (because the period of rental was less than 28 days). Goodfellow also failed to keep proper records of the hire. The case was settled without a hearing on payment of £1 to Henry Hoyte, supervisor of excise.	1848/028

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Wicks	Sarah	Francis	Robert	23	06	1848	Assault	A	Wicks claimed that she was assaulted by Francis, a butcher, who struck her a violent blow in the face and knocked her down. The case was settled without a hearing.	1848/029
[Justices]		[Various]		23	06	1848	List of fines and penalties	*	List of fines and penalties covering the period December 1847 to June 1848. Official return.	1848/029a
Porter	John	Hawker	Henry	26	06	1848	Furious riding	Rd	Police serjeant Porter accused Hawker of riding at a furious pace down Sadler Street and High Street. The incident occurred on a 'Club Day' so there many women and children put at risk by his action. The case was dismissed on payment of costs of 4/6d (presumably by Hawker).	1848/030a
Loxton	Rosamund	Townsend	John	30	06	1848	Assault	A	Loxton, wife of Joseph Loxton of the In Parish of St Cuthbert, claimed that Townsend, a labourer residing in the Out Parish of St Cuthbert, had struck her a violent blow with his hand. The documents show the defendant as pleading guilty and the costs of the case as 7/-. The case header document notes the case as being dismissed with costs of 8/- being paid and a certificate of dismissal being granted at the application of the defendant.	1848/030b
Fry	Harry	Uphill	William	30	06	1848	Assault	A	Harry Fry claimed that William Uphill assaulted him outside the Star Tap on High Street in the evening of 29th June. Edwin Uphill was also present. Thomas Hardwich, in his statement, said he saw the men together but did not see the assault. Uphill was apprehended by police serjeant Porter in Sadler Street after he heard Fry shouting 'Murder'. Uphill was fined 1/- with costs of 7/6d or to serve 14 days in prison. According to a return to HM Treasury Uphill seems to have paid the fine.	1848/031
Dix	James	Grey	Edmund	08	07	1848	Assault	A	Grey and Joseph Naylor were drinking in the King's Head. Dix was also there. Grey asked Dix how much he wanted for his straw hat. Dix said 2/6d but they agreed on 1/-. Dix spent the shilling on drink. Dix claimed that Grey knocked the hat from his head in the High Street. The case was dismissed.	1848/032

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Sweet	John	Francis	Robert	10	07	1848	Assault	A	Sweet accused Francis of giving him 'a violent blow on the eye'. No other information was presented. The case was dismissed.	1848/033
Weeks	Samuel	Burrington (aka Burleton)	Robert	15	07	1848	Assault	A	Weeks of Priddy claimed that he was in the Nag's Head drinking when Burrington, a labourer from the parish of Westbury, came up to him and struck him on the back three times. John Young, also a labourer from Priddy, confirmed Weeks' account of events. He also claimed that Burrington knocked his hat off before assaulting Weeks. Weeks and Young refer to 'Burleton' not Burrington. Burrington was fined 2/- plus 16/6 costs. According to a submission to HM Treasury Burrington / Burleton paid a fine of 1/- (not 2/-).	1848/034
Teek	Francis	Loxton Hellair	Stephen Joseph	18	07	1848	Stealing potatoes	T	James Lansdown claimed that he saw the defendants in John Talbot's field at about 8.00am on 18th July. They pulled up some potatoes which Francis Teek was growing there and put them in a bag. Police serjeant Porter went to Loxton's house and found him and Helliar with some recently scraped potatoes in a pan ready for boiling. The value of the potatoes was about 4d. Each was sentenced to 14 days imprisonment with hard labour.	1848/035a
Porter	John	Fry	Henry	22	07	1848	Drunkenness	D	Police serjeant Porter had charged Fry with being drunk and had called Loxton, a plaisterer and tiler, as a witness for the prosecution. The summons to Loxton appears to be the only document relating to this case.	1848/035b

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Porter	John	Phillips	Matilda	31	07	1848	Concealing the birth of a child	lb	William Lukins the elder, a carpenter residing in Southover, made a statement reporting finding the body of a female child in his privy. There did not appear to be any sign of violence on the body. Matilda Phillips had been staying at his house for some 3 months after she left her last place of service because Lukins' son was married to her sister. Lukins did not know that Phillips was pregnant. John Nicholls, surgeon, examined the body; Matilda admitted the child was hers and said 'In the agony I got out of bed and sat on the po and the child came from me'. Nicholls' opinion was that the child was not born alive. William Lukins the younger said he had seen Matilda get up in the night. Phillips was kept in custody for 9 nights before being taken to gaol at Shepton Mallet where she was to remain until discharged by the due process of law. The costs of custody and conveyance to Shepton Mallet were £3 and were to be borne by the County Treasurer as the defendant had no money or chattels.	1848/036
Willcox	Sarah	Crandon	William	27	07	1848	Assault	A	Willcox, a single woman, complained that Crandon, a butcher, had assaulted her, struck her several times with his fists and kicked her in the side. The case was described as 'settled'.	1848/037
Penwarden	James	Goodfellow	George	15	08	1848	Not recording excise duty payable	N	Penwarden was an excise officer while Goodfellow was a postmaster. Goodfellow did not record the hire of horses to customers in his books and did not charge the excise duty which should have been applicable. As the bench considered him 'a quiet and respectable person' and that he was simply ignorant of his responsibilities, this case and some other similar ones were withdrawn.	1848/038
Porter	John	Ludd	Philip	04	08	1848	Driving a cart with no guide	Rd	Police serjeant Porter charged Ludd with driving a cart with no one guiding it. He was discharged on payment of costs.	1848/039

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Jacobs	William	Crandon	William	05	08	1848	Assault	A	Jacobs was the landlord of the Exmouth Inn. Crandon, described as a labourer, came in and broke a glass, threw a table and threatened him. Crandon was fined 40/- with costs of 6/- or 2 months imprisonment. According to a return to HM Treasury Crandon was committed to prison for 2 calendar months.	1848/040
Porter	John	Patten	Sarah	11	08	1848	Concealing the birth of a child	lb	Police serjeant Porter stated that the body of a baby girl had been found covered with hay and the mother was believed to be Patten. A warrant was issued for her arrest.	1848/041
Clements	James	Saunders	John	21	08	1848	Assault	A	Clements, a brewer, claimed Saunders, a labourer, had assaulted him, striking him several times in the face and on the body.	1848/042
Locke	Henry	Smith Smith Parsons Davies	Henry John John William	26	08	1848	Petty trespass	Pt	The 4 accused were begging outside the house of Locke, a dyer. They then broke 2 panes of glass. They admitted the offence and were fined 3/- each with costs of 2/6d or 14 days hard labour. According to a submission to HM Treasury all four defendants appear to have been committed to prison for 14 days.	1848/043
Somers	Samuel	Crandon	Robert	28	08	1848	Assault on a police officer in the execution of his duty	A	PC Somers arrested William Crandon, on the complaint of William Jacobs, landlord, in the Exmouth Inn, though he had not seen the offence committed (see case 1848/040). Robert Crandon, William's brother, blocked the door and insisted that Somers release his brother. This caused uproar and more than 200 people saw the stand off. Mary Small gave evidence that she did not see the assault on Jacobs. Robert Crandon was fined 6d with costs of 11/6d or 1 month in prison with hard labour.	1848/044

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Porter	John	Peach	James	28	08	1848	Offence against licence	L	Police serjeant Porter charged Peach with opening his premises on Sunday 13 August for the sale of beer & cider before the permitted time (1.00pm); the house was open at 10.05am when PC Willis went in and saw Robert Edghill, George Isgrove and John Bath, a sawyer. Edghill and Bath were both seen to be drinking but Edghill claimed he was drinking ginger beer.	1848/045
Willis	Thomas	Peach	James	28	08	1848	Offence against licence	L	PC Willis charged Peach with opening his premises on Sunday 27 August for the sale of beer & cider before the permitted time (1.00pm). James Brown, tailor, was called as a witness.	1848/046
Willis	Thomas	Peach	James	28	08	1848	Offence against licence	L	PC Willis charged Peach with opening his beerhouse during the hours of divine service in the afternoon of Sunday 27 August. According to a submission to HM Treasury Peach paid a fine of 6d covering this offence and / or 1848/046.	1848/047
Willis	Thomas	White	Thomas	28	08	1848	Furious riding	Rd	PC Willis charged White, a butcher, with furious riding down Sadler Street. Willis claimed that White was riding at a full gallop and maintained the pace all the way down High Street. White was required to pay a total of 8/- including costs.	1848/048
Porter	John	Barnard	Sarah	31	08	1848	Assault in execution of duty	A	Police serjeant Porter was trying to take William Crandon to the station house when Sarah Barnard, wife of John Barnard, struck him several times to try and release the prisoner. The case was described as settled.	1848/049
Porter	John	Farrow	Rebecca	28	08	1848	Offence against licence	L	Police serjeant Porter accused Rebecca Farrow of allowing card playing in the King's Arms. Mrs Farrow had gone to bed before Porter and PC Somers came into the pub. John Moon was the ostler at the pub and he admitted that some card playing had taken place but Mrs Farrow knew nothing about it. John Carter, a labourer, saw some card playing taking place but was unable to say what the game was or what they were playing for. The case was dismissed.	1848/050

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Lane	Susannah	Lane	Charles	16	09	1848	Assault	A	Susannah, the wife of Charles Lane, accused her husband of beating her and threatening to kill her. He had threatened her before and she believed he would kill her. Charles Lane was bound over for 12 months in the sum of £20 plus two sureties of £10.	1848/051
Green	Thomas	Allen	John	20	09	1848	Misbehaviour during apprenticeship.	Rw	Allen was apprenticed to Green, a painter. Since his apprenticeship began in October 1847 Green claimed Allen had been guilty of 'several misdemeanours, miscarriages and much misconduct'. Finally in September 1848 he refused to do work set for him. Allen was discharged with a reprimand on promising good behaviour.	1848/052
Humphries	James	Millard	Alfred	22	09	1848	Assault	A	Humphries, a sawyer, accused Millard of threatening him with assault. Humphries claimed that he had been at his father's house in Southover when several people, including Millard, had been throwing stones at the door. Humphries had gone out and told them to stop. At this point Millard had come up to him and challenged him to fight. Henry Hewett, witness, said he saw Humphries take hold of Millard and threaten to beat him with a stick. Millard threatened Humphries in return. Millard was fined 1/- with costs of 10/- or, if in default, to serve 14 days in prison. According to a submission to HM Treasury Millard paid the fine of 1/-.	1848/053a
[Justices]		[Various]		30	09	1848	List of fines and penalties	*	List of fines and penalties, largely covering the period June to September 1848.	1848/053b
Stanley	Thomas	Gardener	Benjamin	09	10	1848	Deserting after enlisting	M	Stanley was a recruiting sergeant in 64th Regiment of Foot stationed in Wells. Gardener took the shilling and then absconded before he was sworn. He could not be sworn within the time allowed, i.e. 4 days. When he returned he was examined by the surgeon and found to be unfit for service. His father, William Gardener, said his son had had a rupture for several years and had worn a truss for several months. He was convicted and sentenced to 14 days hard labour as a rogue and vagabond.	1848/053b

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Porter	John	Creedy	Major	13	10	1848	Drunk & disorderly	D	Police serjeant Porter charged Creedy, described as a painter, with being drunk in a public place. Creedy admitted the offence and was fined 5/-, including costs.	1848/054
Bernard	Henry	King	Nathaniel	13	10	1848	Not in control of horse and cart	Rd	King was charged with driving a cart without having someone on foot or on horseback to help guide the horse and cart. King admitted the offence and was fined 1/- with costs of 4/-.	1848/055
Fry	Eliza	Gray	Edward	17	10	1848	Assault	A	Fry, wife of Henry Fry, shoemaker, saw Gray, a labourer, and her son (Henry jnr?) fighting in the Market Place. She pulled Gray away from her son and Gray then struck her around her eye with a stick. The incident was witnessed by Jacob Stacey. The case was settled with each side paying their own costs.	1848/056
Gray	Edward	Fry	Eliza	18	10	1848	Assault	A	Gray accused Eliza Fry of assaulting him in the course of the affray in described in case 1848/056. The case was settled with each side paying their own costs.	1848/057
Gray	Edward	Fry jnr	Henry	18	10	1848	Assault	A	Gray, a labourer, accused Henry Fry jnr, a shoemaker, of assaulting him and striking him in the chest as part of the affray described in case 1848/056.	1848/058
Phipps	Edith	Fry jnr	Henry	20	10	1848	Assault	A	Edith Phipps, wife of Joseph Phipps, a labourer, accused Fry, a shoemaker, of assaulting her and striking her several violent blows about the head and face in the course of the affray initially referred to in case 1848/056.	1848/059
Thorley	Robert	Davis Davis	Mary Ann Louise	30	10	1848	Petty trespass	Pt	Thorley was the relieving officer for Wells Union. He claimed that Mary Ann & Louisa Davis came to his home and asked for relief which he refused. Immediately afterwards, they threw stones at his windows and cracked 2 panes with a value of 2/6d. The defendants were convicted and fined 10/- with costs of 10/-, all to be paid immediately or to serve 2 months in prison with hard labour.	1848/060

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Chapman	Hannah	Brooke	John	06	11	1848	Assault	A	Chapman complained that she had been assaulted by Brooke, a plasterer & tiler, while the latter was both drunk and disorderly. Brooke was bound over in his own recognisance of £20 to keep the peace for 6 months.	1848/061
Trench	George Henry	Rogers	Isabella	08	11	1848	Offence under excise law	Fr	Trench, an excise officer, complained that Rogers, a postmaster, had rented a horse to a customer, charging per mile for the hire and not recording the terms of the hire correctly, thus defrauding the tax authorities of revenue. The case was settled out of court.	1848/062
Syms	Samuel	Loxton Loxton	Joseph Edward	25	11	1848	Incitement to cause a breach of the peace	Ic	Syms (sometimes Sims), a confectioner, complained that Joseph Loxton threw mortar and mud into his house. He further stated that Loxton was a continual nuisance, although he (Syms) had done nothing to annoy Loxton. Syms claimed that Edward Loxton tried to provoke him into a breach of the peace. One of the documents indicates that the defendants would be required to put forward sureties to ensure their future good behaviour, while the case header indicates that the case was withdrawn with the defendants paying the cost of the action.	1848/063a
Weeks	George Baron Milton	Willmott	Miss	23	11	1848	Theft of clothing	T	Weeks claimed that his wife, Sophia, had had a piece of green silk velvet with a value of 5/- taken from her bedroom. He stated that he suspected the daughter (not named) of Joseph Willmott, blacksmith, of stealing the velvet. He asked for a warrant to be issued to search the Willmott's house or that of Ann Brown, the aunt of Willmott's daughter, where the young lady slept.	1848/063b
Porter	John	Boulting	James	22	11	1848	Furious driving	Rd	Police serjeant Porter charged Boulting, a butcher, with furious driving. Porter called Edwin Lawrence, a labourer, to act as a witness for the prosecution. Boulting appears to have been released with a reprimand on payment of the costs of the case.	1848/064

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Willis	Thomas	Filer	James	22	11	1848	Obstructing a footpath	O	PC Willis charged Filer, a labourer, with obstructing a footpath adjacent to the turnpike road. Filer was discharged on payment of costs of 1/6d.	1848/065
Willis	Thomas	Loxton	Stephen	22	11	1848	Obstructing a footpath	O	PC Willis charged Loxton, a labourer, with obstructing a footpath adjacent to the turnpike road. There is no indication as to the outcome of the case.	1848/066
Porter	John	Lazarus	Moses	25	11	1848	Theft of money	T	Police serjeant Porter charged Lazarus with stealing a £5 promissory note drawn on Stuckey's Banking Company and the property of Thomas Stark. Lazarus was remanded on bail of £50 from himself and £40 from Julius Mayer. The accusation appears to have been supported by witness statements from Christina Stark, Mary Savage, Henry Smith, and George Lawrence. However, these statements are not present. There is no indication of the outcome of the case, although there is a letter from James West, the governor of Shepton Mallet gaol, which indicates that Lazarus had been committed to prison (although not in Shepton Mallet), prior to standing trial at the next Quarter Sessions. Other documents in the pack include correspondence with the Secretary of State on the issue of whether the Postmaster General has the authority to intercept the delivery of a letter (one which is presumably germane to the case for the prosecution); he did not have that power. There is also correspondence to establish the bona fides of a David Lazarus, a stationer and quill merchant in Exeter, presumably a relative of the accused; the relevance to the case is not clear.	1848/067
Hopkins	William	Francis	Robert	25	11	1848	Assault	A	Hopkins, a carpenter, accused Francis, a butcher, of striking him several times across the face. The case was settled without a hearing.	1848/068

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Porter Dudderidge	John George Webb	Pritchard Collings	William Susan	01	12	1848	Rogue & vagabond	V	Pritchard was observed by the policemen during the Wells Fair. He was with some women who seemed to be brushing close to several people, the police believed, in order to commit a felony. When Pritchard and one woman left the fair and went through the cathedral gate, the police followed them and saw them talking. They were arrested on suspicion. Pritchard was found in possession of a receipt for 2 rings, value £1.5s.0d. Pritchard was sentenced to 6 weeks in gaol, and Collings to 3 weeks in gaol.	1848/069
Brown	William	Sweet	Henry	05	12	1848	Assault	A	Brown, a labourer, accused Sweet, a plaisterer and tiler, of striking him on the arm with a 'mortar crook'. The case was settled without a hearing.	1848/070
White	Joseph	Francis	Francis	07	12	1848	Assault	A	White, a butcher, accused Francis, also a butcher, of assault and striking him a blow in the face. The latter did not appear for the hearing, though the summons was served. Francis was required to keep the peace towards White for 6 months on his own recognisance of £10.	1848/071
Syms	Samuel	Brown	William	13	12	1848	Petty trespass	Pt	Brown, a labourer, was accused of damaging 2 panes of glass, value 8d, at the property of Samuel Syms. The case was dismissed.	1848/072
Perry	Robert	Green	William Henry	13	12	1848	Assault	A	Perry, described as a shopkeeper, went to visit James Smith. Green, a watchmaker, was there. Green assaulted Perry without provocation, although testimony from Smith suggested that Perry knocked off Green's hat first. The assault was also observed by Edmund Berry and Martha Loxton. Green was fined 6d with 10/6d costs payable immediately or to serve 14 days in prison at Shepton Mallet.	1848/073
Dudderidge	George Webb	White	John	13	12	1848	Breach of the peace	Dp	Dudderidge observed White behaving in a riotous manner and threatening to beat his wife. He had been drinking but was not so drunk as to not know what he was about. Dudderidge asked for White to be bound over. No outcome for the case was recorded.	1848/074

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Smith	James	Perry	Robert	14	12	1848	Assault	A	Smith, a carpenter, accused Perry of assault. Perry visited Smith about some drawers. Perry took a piece of wood and struck Smith. William Henry Green observed the assault. The case was not proven and therefore dismissed. See also case 1848/073.	1848/075
Griffiths	William Robert	Dixon	William	18	12	1848	Theft	T	Griffiths, an excise officer, was attending the Independent Chapel in Grove Lane and left his greatcoat in the vestry in order to attend the service. After the service which lasted around 90mins Griffiths was unable to find his coat. Suspicion of the theft fell upon Dixon, a young man said to have a drink problem. Dixon was remanded in custody for the police to obtain further evidence. Information provided included a letter from a former employer of Dixon, around 2 years prior, Mr J E Dyne. He wrote that Dixon had worked for him for a few months but had turned to drink. He was pleased to be rid of him. He added that Dixon had been sentenced to 2 or 3 months imprisonment at the Old Bailey. Dyne suggested that transportation would be good for the public and Dixon.	1848/076
Weare	William	Brown Crease	Isaac Henry	20	12	1848	Refusing complainant access to benefits	N	Brown and Crease were stewards of the Wells Helpful Society. They were accused by Weare of expelling him and not paying him the benefits to which he was entitled.. The case was described as 'compromised' suggesting that an arrangement had been reached outside court.	1848/077

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Porter	John	Kelly	Thomas	29	12	1848	Absconding from workhouse with clothes	Ab	Police officer Porter reported that Robert Thorley, the relieving officer for Wells Union, had come to him with Thomas Kelly who had applied for relief. Thorley had been suspicious and had taken Kelly to the police station to be searched. The search showed that Kelly was wearing a jacket and waistcoat marked as belonging to the Bridgwater Union. A letter from the Union noted that Kelly had left the workhouse with no clothes of his own and had therefore been allowed to take an old coat belonging to the workhouse. However, the Bridgwater Union did note that action would be taken against Kelly in the future.	1848/078

1849

Somers	Samuel	Gould	Frederick	11	1	1849	Desertion from army	M	PC Somers arrested Gould in the King's Arms Inn as a deserter from 64th Regiment of Foot. Somers had recognised Gould from a list of deserters in Hue and Cry. Gould was 23, 5'7" in height, with light brown hair and blue eyes. Gould denied he was a deserter because he had not been properly enlisted. The War Office confirmed that he was a deserter and awarded the bounty of 10/- for arresting a deserter to PC Somers.	1849/001
Porter	John	Watts	Benjamin	18	01	1849	Serving alcohol after hours	L	Watts was charged with keeping his public house open for the sale of alcoholic beverages after 11.00pm. The case was dismissed on payment of costs of 4/6d.	1849/002
Somers	Samuel	Peach	John	25	01	1849	Drinking after hours	L	Peach was charged with being open for the sale of alcoholic beverages after 11.00 pm. He pleaded not guilty on the basis of misapprehension of a notice issued to publicans. The case was dismissed on payment of costs of 4/6d.	1849/003
Loxton	William John	Sims	Sarah	25	01	1849	Assault	A	Loxton was a shoemaker. Sarah Sims was the wife of Samuel Sims, a confectioner. Several witnesses testified. Both Loxton and Sims were bound over to keep the peace against each other with £10 and each to bear their costs of 6/6.	1849/004

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Gunn	Richard	Peach North Edghill Joyce	John William Robert Thomas	25	01	1849	Damage to glass	Pt	Gunn was landlord of the White Hart. Windows from there overlooked Peach's yard. A kitchen maid in the White Hart heard the breaking of glass followed by heavy footsteps from Peach's yard of someone running away. The case was dismissed for lack of proof.	1849/005
Hill	William	Smith Andrews	James Edwin	25	01	1849	Wilful damage	Wd	John Cook, a labourer, saw Smith deliberately throw stones at the windows of Wells Union workhouse and break two panes of glass. He was then copied by Andrews, a young boy. Smith was fined 2/6d plus costs or be sent to Shepton Mallet prison for 14 days with hard labour.	1849/006
McDonald	James	Morrell	Thomas	27	01	1849	Vagrancy	V	McDonald was an auctioneer from Birmingham. Morrell apparently came into the bar of the King's Arms and asked for relief; he was drunk and abusive. Morrell was convicted and sentenced to 7 days in prison at Shepton Mallet with hard labour.	1849/007
Budge	John	Francis	Robert	29	01	1849	Assault	A	Budge was a cabinet maker, Francis was a butcher, and Budge accused Francis of striking a violent blow to his head. The case was settled out of court.	1849/008
Thorley	Robert	Roberts	James	16	02	1849	Wilful damage	Wd	Thorley, Relieving Officer for Wells Union, refused to give Roberts relief, after doing so just one week earlier. Roberts then went to Thorley's house later and broke two windows. Roberts was fined 3/- with costs of 6/6d or be sent to jail in Shepton Mallet for 14 days with hard labour.	1849/009
Newport	Margaret	Linham	Samuel	19	02	1849	Assault	A	Margaret Newport was a single woman, Linham was an inmate of Wells Union workhouse. Neither party appeared for the hearing.	1849/010
Stacey	Sarah	Fry jnr	Henry	19	02	1849	Bastardy	B	Fry, a shoemaker, was accused of being father of an illegitimate male child to Sarah Stacey, the daughter of William and Mary Stacey. Sarah Stacey claimed that she had never been intimate with anyone else. The case was dismissed.	1849/011

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Dudderidge	Ann	McGregor	Peter	23	02	1849	Begging	V	Ann Dudderidge was a single woman (possibly a servant at Mr Brook's house). McGregor had come to the door begging but had been refused. George Webb Dudderidge, a police constable, also testified that he had seen McGregor wandering from house to house begging in an insolent manner. McGregor was convicted and sentenced to 14 days with hard labour in Shepton Mallet.	1849/012
Brewer	Charles	Bown	John	02	03	1849	Cruelty to a horse	C	Bown was accused of forcing a mare to pull a load of coal when the animal was unfit for work because of saddle sores. Bown admitted the charge and was fined 5/- with costs of 8/-; if in default, then to spend 14 days with hard labour in prison at Shepton Mallet.	1849/013
Kitching	George	Allen Edwards Hill	Joseph Elijah John	05	03	1849	Damage to land	Pt	On behalf of his mother, George Kitching complained that several individuals (all described as labourers) had been playing games, such as rounders, on land that she owned in the In Parish of St Cuthbert and had damaged the land and grass to the value of 1/-.	1849/013a
Hopkins	Sarah	Hopkins	James	07	03	1849	Assault	A	James Hopkins came home drunk and assaulted his wife by throwing a kettle of boiling water at her, followed by a shovel of burning coals. He confessed to the assault and was ordered to pay a penalty of £5, plus costs of 8/- and additional expenses of 5/-; in the event of default he would serve 2 months in prison.	1849/013b
Brewer	Charles	Reed	James	14	03	1849	Cruelty to a mare	C	Brewer, a shoemaker and agent of the RSPCA, accused Reed, a labourer, of working a mare in the Liberty when the horse was unfit because of a series of sores and wounds. Reed admitted the offence, was reprimanded and ordered to pay costs of 4/6d.	1849/013c
Brewer	Charles	Western	Aaron	14	03	1849	Cruelty to animals	C	Brewer, a shoemaker and agent of the RSPCA, accused Western, a labourer and haulier, of cruelty to a horse, using it to pull a cart laden with coal in the Liberty of St Andrew when the sores on its back meant that it was not in a condition to work. Western admitted the offence, was reprimanded and discharged on payment of the costs of the case.	1849/014

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Fry	Henry	Dredge	Frederick	20	03	1849	Absentee apprentice	Ab	Fry, a shoemaker, had taken on Dredge as an apprentice. Dredge had proved to be an unsatisfactory employee, committing a series of misdemeanours, culminating in absenting himself from work without permission from 12 March up to and beyond 20 March. Dredge admitted his misconduct and agreed to commit fully to his work, while Fry agreed not to press the case. The case was settled without a hearing.	1849/015
Mayger	William	Badman	William	04	04	1849	Assault	A	Mayger, a plasterer, complained that Badman, also a plasterer, had struck him a violent blow on the arm with a poker. The case was settled without a hearing.	1849/016
Porter	John	Maule	William	09	04	1849	Assault on police constable	A	PC Porter was on duty in St Cuthbert Street when he was accosted by Maule, a labourer, who threatened to knock him into the gutter. Subsequently, Maule drew a knife, although he did not threaten to attack Porter with it.	1849/017
Taylor	Robert	Lawrence	William	14	04	1849	Incitement to commit an offence	Ic	Taylor complained that Lawrence, a butcher, had provoked him into committing an offence (assault?). Taylor failed to appear for the hearing, so the complaint was dismissed.	1849/018
Hill	William	Day	George	20	04	1849	Petty trespass	Pt	Hill, porter at Wells Union workhouse, found Day, an inmate, in the act of breaking windows with a stick. George Corp, another inmate who shared the room with Day, confirmed that Day had broken a number of windows. Hill estimated the number of broken window panes to be 28 at a value of 15/-. Day was fined 15/- with costs of 8/6d or to be committed to prison for 14 days.	1849/019
Hill	William	Perham	William	20	04	1849	Petty trespass	Pt	Hill, porter at Wells Union workhouse, met Perham, an inmate, coming out of a room in which four panes of glass had been broken. No-one else was in the room. Josiah Edwards, another inmate, testified that Perham had said he intended to break the windows and later claimed that he had indeed done so. Perham was fined 2/- (estimated by Hill to be the cost of repair) with costs of 7/6d or to be imprisoned in Shepton Mallet for one calendar month with hard labour.	1849/020

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Moyston	George	Pointing	Elizabeth	23	04	1849	Assault	A	Moyston, a labourer, stated that he had gone to Elizabeth Pointing's house to settle some issues with respect to rent that he owed her. They had had words and he claimed that she had kicked him as he left. Henry Collins, who had accompanied Moyston to Pointing's house, stated that in the discussion Moyston had used provocative language and Mrs Pointing (wife of William Pointing) had simply put the flat of her foot against Moyston to push him out of the door. The defendant was discharged and the case appears to have been dismissed.	1849/021
Baker	Louisa	Bennett Bennett	John Eliza	24	04	1849	Assault	A	Louisa Baker, a single woman, stated that she had been in Tucker Street where she saw John Bennett fighting with James Bennett. It appears that she attempted to intervene but claims that she was attacked by Eliza Bennett, John's wife, and then John himself shook her and threw her to the ground. Two witnesses, Elizabeth House and John Sparks, a butcher, broadly supported Baker's story but stated that Baker had been trying to separate the fighters by pulling John Bennett by the hair and that Bennett had not shaken her before pushing her to the ground. The case was dismissed with each party ordered to pay their own costs.	1849/022
Knight	Charles	Hooper aka Dix	Edwin	04	05	1849	Assault	A	Knight, a brushmaker, claimed that Hooper aka Dix, a labourer, had assaulted him and struck him several violent blows about the head and face. Hooper admitted the offence and was fined 1/- with costs of 7/- or 14 days imprisonment.	1849/023

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Dix	Temperance	Knight	Charles	12	05	1849	Assault	A	Temperance Dix, wife of James Dix, a carpenter resident in Mill Pond Lane, complained that Knight, a brushmaker, had held up his fist to her in a threatening attitude. George Slade, a miller, had seen Mrs Dix and Knight arguing at her front door. He had heard them exchanging harsh words and saw Knight raise his fist but did not believe that he intended to strike Mrs Dix. George England, a baker, was also summoned as a witness. The outcome of the case is not clear although there is a column of figures amounting to 7/- (possibly the costs of the case) and a separate figure of 1/6d (possibly a fine).	1849/024
Hill	William	Dudding	Benjamin	14	06	1849	Refusal to work	Rw	Hill, porter at the Wells Union workhouse, brought a complaint against Dudding, one of the inmates. Hill stated that Dudding had been told to hoe potatoes in a field that belonged to the Union. Dudding, although fit and able bodied and well capable of carrying out the task, refused to do the work. Note: see also case 1849/039 where a Benjamin Dudden (assumed to be the same man) appears to have run away and left his wife and 3 children chargeable to the parish. Also possibly case 1849/073.	1849/025
Lister	Thomas	Lister	Elizabeth	18	06	1849	Assault	A	Thomas Lister, brushmaker, complained that his wife, Elizabeth, had assaulted him and threatened to kill him. He claimed that she was in the habit of getting drunk and becoming violent towards him. He said that he feared that she would do him bodily harm and requested that she be bound over for a period to keep the peace with respect to him. The Justices ordered Elizabeth Lister to find 2 sureties of £25 each and be bound over to keep the peace for 3 months. Until such time as she obtained the sureties, then she should be confined to prison in Shepton Mallet. A subsequent note requested her release from prison as she had been able to obtain the required securities.	1849/026

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Buck	Abraham	Parsons	John	23	06	1849	Non-payment of market toll	Um	Buck, the collector of tolls, complained that Parsons, a labourer from Somerton, had been hawking peas in High Street on a market day. Parsons had not paid the market toll for selling such commodities and High Street was not a location in which such market activity was permitted. The case was settled without a hearing when the defendant paid the required toll and the costs incurred in preparing the case.	1849/027
Woodford	Susan	Trickey	George	26	06	1849	Sureties for the peace	Su	Susan Woodford, single woman and daughter of William Woodford, postboy, complained that Trickey, a tailor, had threatened her and would 'take his revenge' on her. He made such threats when she was at Mrs Bisgrove's house in Southover. Woodford requested Trickey be bound over with respect to his future conduct towards her.	1849/028
Brewer	Charles	Main	James	27	06	1849	Cruelty to animals	C	Charles Brewer, agent of RSPCA, claimed that Main from Henley had been seen ill-treating and cruelly beating a cow with a stick. Alexander Benn Russell, a clerk, provided witness support for Brewer's complaint. Main was fined 5/- with costs of 12/- to be paid immediately or to serve 7 days in prison in Shepton Mallet.	1849/029
Willis	Thomas	Ward	Robert	04	07	1849	Cruelty to an ass	C	PC Willis put forward a complaint against Ward, a labourer from Theale. The complaint, initiated by Charles Brewer, an agent of RSPCA, accused Ward of ill-treating and beating an ass in Priest Row. There is no indication of the outcome of the case.	1849/030
White	Elizabeth	White	Joseph	12	07	1849	Assault	A	Elizabeth White, widow, complained that Joseph White, a butcher, had come into her home and assaulted her, striking her a blow on her shoulder. She claimed that she had offered no provocation for him to attack her. Joseph White was fined 12/- with costs of 8/- to be paid immediately or to be imprisoned for 14 days.	1849/031

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Buck	Abraham	Richards snr	Stephen	13	07	1849	Non-payment of market toll	N	Buck, the collector of tolls, complained that Richards, a basket maker, had refused to pay the toll required for having a stall in the market. Richards was ordered to pay the toll of 1/- with costs of 2/6d.	1849/032
Cardwell	Fanny Bacon	Gregory	Frank Henry	20	07	1849	Assault	A	Cardwell, a single woman, claimed that Gregory, a labourer, had assaulted her and kicked her. Gregory admitted doing so and was fined 5/- with costs of 6/6d to be paid immediately or serve 14 days in prison in Shepton Mallet.	1849/033
Cardwell	Sarah	Gregory	Frank Henry	21	07	1849	Assault	A	Sarah Cardwell, wife of Charles Cardwell, a tailor, claimed that Gregory, a labourer, had assaulted her and kicked her. Gregory was required to pay 7/6d in fines and costs.	1849/034
Kiddle	Mary	Dudderidge Mullings	James ?	26	07	1849	Petty trespass	Pt	Mary Kiddle owned a number of properties in Wells, one of which was occupied by a Mr Small. Kiddle complained that Dudderidge and Mullings, both labourers, had damaged a shutter in this property; the value of the damage was estimated to be 1/-. As the complainant failed to attend the hearing, the case was dismissed.	1849/035
Counsel	Mary	Woman	Unknown	03	08	1849	Fraud	Fr	Mary Counsel worked as a servant for Henry William Baker. An unknown woman came to the door of her master's house and offered to tell her fortune for 1/6d. In addition, she also asked for a dress, a sets of stays and an undergarment plus 7/- in silver in order to be able to tell the fortune, promising to return all but the fee of 1/6d. The woman disappeared with the goods and the money and returned nothing. No trace of the woman was found.	1849/036
Carter	Caroline	Fry	Francis	14	08	1849	Assault	A	Caroline Carter, a single woman, claimed that she had been assaulted and kicked by Fry, an innkeeper. Fry was fined 6d with costs of 8/-, to be paid immediately.	1849/037

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Savage	George	Clarke	John	15	08	1849	Offence against licence	L	PC Thomas Savage brought an action against Clarke, a licensed beerhouse keeper, for opening his premises for the sale of beer during the hours of divine service on a Sunday afternoon. The evidence for Clarke's offence came from PC John Porter and Thomas Lovell, parish clerk of the parish of St Cuthbert.	1849/038
Baller	Richard Clarke	Dudden	Benjamin	16	08	1849	Rogue & vagabond	Ds	Baller, master of the Wells Union workhouse, stated that Mary Dudden, aged about 36, and her 3 children, James, Robert and George, had become chargeable to the Out Parish of St Cuthbert. Benjamin Dudden, husband of Mary and father of the children, had run away and deserted his family. See also cases 1849/025 and, possibly, 1849/073	1849/039
[Justices]		Clewer	?	20	08	1849	Unknown	*	The only document available is said to be "paper taken from him" (him presumed to be Mr Clewer). The paper contains a list of names and some addresses, mainly female and mostly from the area of New Street, Vicars Close and Union Street. Most of the male names appear to be men of the church. There is no indication as to what the list may have been used for.	1849/040
Edghill	Ann	Patch	John	23	08	1849	Assault	A	Ann Edghill, a single woman, was helping her father move his possessions from the Liberty to Tor Lane. Her father's landlord in the Liberty, John Patch, a pork butcher, reputedly said that she had no business on the premises and hit her between the shoulder blades with his fist. Ann Edghill claimed that she was disabled for two days. She stated that she had not used any expression to annoy Patch and had not called him 'old Calcraft the hangman'. Patch was fined 2/6d with costs of 8/-, to be paid immediately or to serve 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1849/041
Rogers	James	Hodge	Thomas	29	08	1849	Assault	A	Rogers, a stone mason, claimed that he had been assaulted by Hodge, also a stone mason, who had struck him several times with his fists. The case was settled without a hearing.	1849/042

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Porter	John	Murphy	James	04	09	1849	List of costs	*	List of expenses and allowable costs submitted by police constable Porter in the case for theft against James Murphy. Costs were approved by Henry Bernard, one of the magistrates. There is also a separate slip of paper 'R v Murphy' which shows two small amounts of money on the front, and on the reverse two columns of figures, one amounting to £5.0s.6d, the other to £1.17s.0d; it is not clear which case these numbers refer to.	1849/043
Bennett	Harriett	Howlett	William	05	09	1849	Assault	A	Harriett Bennett, wife of James Bennett, a coal haulier, claimed that Howlett, also a coal haulier, had assaulted her and struck her a blow in the stomach. The case was held over until 8 October.	1849/044
Savage	George	Miles	George	12	09	1849	Drunkenness	D	PC Savage encountered Miles, a fishmonger, in the Market Place. Miles was drunk and quarrelling with someone named French. When Savage intervened, Miles abused him roundly. Savage's accusation was supported by Corporal John Worthington of the 2nd Foot who stated that Miles was drunk, but French was sober. Miles was fined 5/- with costs of 6/-.	1849/045
Buck	Abraham	Broad	William	22	09	1849	Removal of nuisances	E	Abraham Buck, inspector of nuisances, brought two cases against William Broad of Pilton. Broad owned several properties in Wells. In two locations, in the Liberty of St Andrew and East Wells, uncovered drains and cesspits that produced noisome smells and constituted health hazards for their occupiers and neighbours. William Woodburn was the occupant of one of the properties; the occupants of the other included William Mogford, Thomas Mogford, Sarah Cox and Eli Main. Orders were issued to Broad to effect improvements by covering the drains & cesspools, whitewashing the outhouses etc.	1849/046

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Baller	Richard Clarke	Whitehead Yendall Allen	John John Philip	22	09	1849	Theft of cheese	T	Baller, master of the Wells Union workhouse, brought a charge of theft against the three defendants. They were alleged to have stolen two cheeses from the stores in the workhouse with a weight of 18lbs and a value of 4/6d. The defendants, plus William Axe, who gave evidence for the plaintiff, had stacked up a series of bedsteads to get access to a trapdoor from which they had then been able to get into the store and steal the cheeses. They had eaten some cheese immediately and buried the remainder in the ashpit for later consumption. All the defendants chose not to give evidence. The costs of the case were shown as being £3.14s.6d.	1849/047
Parker	Jonas	Perry	Robert	24	09	1849	Non-payment of Highway Rate	N	Parker, surveyor of highways, brought a complaint that Perry had refused to pay the sum of 5/3d that was assessed as his contribution to the highway rate.	1849/048
Brook	John	Chapman	John	05	10	1849	Petty trespass	Pt	Brook, a plasterer and tiler resident in Southover, brought a complaint against Chapman, a labourer, that he had damaged a pan belonging to Brook by breaking it into pieces. The value of the pan was estimated at 2/-. Brook was supported by testimony from his wife, Mary, and from John Gee. The case was dismissed, each party paying its own costs. Brook was required to pay 2/-, Chapman 1/-.	1849/049
Fry	Henry	Dredge	Frederick	15	10	1849	Absconding apprentice	Ab	Fry was a shoemaker to whom Dredge had been bound as an apprentice. Dredge had a history of misconduct and had absented himself without leave since 9 October. Dredge was sentenced to 14 days with hard labour in the House of Correction at Shepton Mallet. See also 1849/015.	1849/050

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Brooks	Benjamin	Turner Lileve	William Charles	17	10	1849	Petty trespass	Pt	Brooks complained that he had been in his house when he heard the sound of breaking glass and discovered that two window panes had been broken. He rushed outside and found the two defendants in the street and no-one else about. Fined 4/6d with costs of 6/6d to be paid forthwith or serve 21 days with hard labour in the House of Correction at Shepton Mallet. Note: surname of second defendant not clear.	1849/051
Somers	Samuel	Smitham Clark Simmons Jones	Moses George William Frederick	18	10	1849	Breach of the peace	Dp	PC Somers encountered four revellers in High Street at around 1.30am. They were singing, shouting and making a great noise. Somers told them to stop the noise or they would be locked up. They continued making the noise, so they were locked up by Somers with the assistance of his fellow officers.	1849/052
Brampton	James	Hooper aka Dix	Edwin	19	10	1849	Theft of wood	T	Brampton, a carpenter and wheelwright, claimed that a substantial piece of mahogany (around 11 foot in length with a value of around 12/-) had gone missing from his yard. He learned that William and Charles Cocks had bought pieces of mahogany from Edwin Hooper who lived in Lawpool Lane next door to Brampton's premises. Brampton claimed that Hooper had been in his yard on several occasions and he had ordered him out. A warrant was issued for Hooper to be arrested and the case brought before the magistrates. No indication of the outcome of the case is evident.	1849/053
Brewer	Charles	Fry	David	20	10	1849	Cruelty to animals	C	Charles Brewer, agent of RSPCA, claimed that Fry had been seen in Sadler Street kicking a gelding that was drawing a cart so heavily laden with coal that the horse could barely move it. Brewer's testimony was supported by Catherine Bence, a resident of Sadler Street who had seen the incident. Fry was fined 6d with costs of 10/6d. The case header document refers to the defendant as 'Judd' but all other documents relate to 'David Fry'.	1849/054

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Willis	Thomas	Clarke aka Gullick	George	22	10	1849	Breach of the peace	Dp	PC Willis found Clarke (aka Gullick), drunk and acting in a very disorderly manner, at the Somerset Hotel. Clarke resisted strongly when Willis arrested him and took him to the police station.	1849/055
Savage	George	Webb	John	27	10	1849	Drunkenness	D	PC Savage arrested Webb, a labourer, for drunkenness in the Liberty of St Andrew. Webb was discharged on payment of the costs of the case; payment was to be made on 5 November.	1849/056
Foster	?	Lane	Charles	27	10	1849	Drunkenness	D	Charles Lane, a tailor, was arrested for being drunk in the Liberty of St Andrew. Lane admitted the offence and was fined 5/-, this sum to be paid on 5 November. The name of Foster as the plaintiff is presumably the name of the clerk to the justices, W.J.S Foster.	1849/057
Foster	?	Thorley	George	27	10	1849	Drunkenness	D	George Thorley, a tailor, was arrested for being drunk in the In Parish of St Cuthbert. The name of Foster as the plaintiff is presumably the name of the clerk to the justices, W.J.S Foster.	1849/058
Thorley	Robert	Pike	Robert	29	10	1849	Leaving children chargeable to the in Parish of St Cuthbert	Ds	Thorley, the relieving officer of the parish, reported that three children of Robert Pike, Mary Ann aged 10, Eliza aged 4 and Emma 18 months, had been left chargeable to the In Parish of St Cuthbert. Pike, a labourer, had run away and Thorley requested that a warrant for his arrest be issued.	1849/059
Porter	John	Watson	Thomas	29	10	1849	Petty trespass	Pt	PC Porter was sent to Robert Thorley's house to arrest Thomas Watson on a charge of petty trespass for breaking windows. Watson admitted that he broke 9 panes of glass with a stick. Robert Thorley (presumably the Relieving Officer of the parish) estimated the cost of repair at 12/- . Watson was fined 12/- with costs of 7/6d.	1849/060
[Regina]		[Justices]		06	11	1849	Proclamation of national holiday	*	Proclamation by Queen Victoria of a national holiday to celebrate overcoming the outbreak of cholera that had affected the country since 1848.	1849/061
Somers	Samuel	Rich Small	Jane Mary Ann	23	11	1849	Vagrancy	V	PC Somers found the two defendants at 1.30am asleep on an open staircase in St Cuthbert Street. They could show no evidence of being able to support themselves, so were arrested for vagrancy.	1849/062

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Porter	John	Read Read	Thomas Lucy	01	12	1849	Non-payment of trading licence	N	PC Porter arrested Thomas & Lucy Read for trading without a licence. They were travelling from town to town hawking various goods, including medals designed to look like half sovereigns. However, they had no licence to carry out their trading.	1849/063
Worthington	John	Saunders	George	04	12	1849	Enlisting when already discharged	Fr	Corporal Worthington enlisted Saunders into the 2nd Foot and the recruit was attested before William Inman Welsh, one of the local magistrates. It was then discovered that Saunders, a native of Glasgow, had been dishonourably discharged from the Royal Artillery for misconduct and had failed to disclose this information when enlisting. The costs of 5/- incurred by the local magistrates were reimbursed by the Secretary for War.	1849/064
Coles	Henry	Richardson	John	04	12	1849	Unlawful toll	Ut	When Henry Coles passed through the Portway Toll in a horse-drawn carriage on 15 November he was charged a toll of 4d by Richardson (or possibly his wife) as the toll gate keeper. Coles objected to the charge on the basis that 15 November had been designated as a public holiday by an edict of Queen Victoria; the toll should therefore be waived. The dispute was settled before it came to a hearing.	1849/065
Livett	Henry	Turner	John	05	12	1849	Feigning illness	Fr	Livett, surgeon to the Wells Union, was called to treat Turner, an inmate who claimed to be suffering from severe diarrhoea and symptoms of cholera. Livett had already treated the man some 3 weeks previously when he had been found at the roadside suffering from exposure. He had been discharged some 4 to 5 days later in good health. Livett examined Turner and found no evidence of illness, He advised Robert Thorley, the Relieving Officer, that in his view Turner was feigning illness in order to procure charitable contributions. Turner was prosecuted as a rogue and a vagabond.	1849/066
Oxley	Mary	Hewlett	William	08	12	1849	Assault	A	Mary Oxley, wife of Matthew Oxley, gardener, claimed that William Hewlett, a labourer, had assaulted her and thrown her violently to the ground.	1849/067

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Howe	Lilly	Sweet Sweet	Henry Susan	10	12	1849	Assault	A	Lilly Howe, the wife of William Howe, a private soldier, complained that Henry Sweet had spat in her face when they met in the street. He had also spat in her face on an earlier occasion and, according to a witness, Robert Parker, Sweet had also used extremely abusive language to Mrs. Howe. It appears that there had been a previous incident in the house of a Mrs York, where another witness, Hannah Nutty, claimed that blows had been exchanged between Lilly Howe and Susan Sweet. the wife of Henry Sweet. Henry Sweet was bound over to keep the peace for 12 calendar months and required to provide surety to this effect. Costs of the case appear to have been 9/-, presumably to be paid by Henry Sweet.	1849/068
Edwards	Louisa	Edwards	William	10	12	1849	Assault	A	Louisa Edwards, wife of William Edwards, claimed that he had beaten her very violently with his fists. She stated that it was not the first time this had happened and was concerned for her future safety. William Edwards was bound over in the sum of £20 to keep the peace towards his wife for 12 calendar months.	1849/069
Douglas	George	Gawen	James	15	12	1849	Vagrantcy	V	Douglas was the Relieving Officer of the Parish of St James in Bath. He stated that Gawen, his wife and 5 children had become chargeable to the Parish some months ago and were maintained in the Bath Union workhouse. About 2 months before Gawen had absconded leaving his wife and 4 children to be maintained by the Parish. Douglas had arrested Gawen that morning in Wells on a charge of vagrantcy and requested that Gawen be remanded to Bath so that he could be dealt with there. Douglas' request was granted.	1849/070

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Porter	John	Wilson	John	19	12	1849	Assault	A	Porter, described both as police constable and police serjeant in the document, stated that Robert Thorley, the Relieving Officer, had brought Wilson to the police station to be searched prior to being given relief. During the search Wilson became violent and attacked Porter with his fists and later with his shoes. Porter stated that the prisoner's claims that he had been manhandled and sworn at by Porter were untrue. Wilson was convicted of assault. The amounts of the fine and the costs are blank, but a column of figures suggests costs of 6/6d. Alternatively, Wilson would be sentenced to 14 days in prison with hard labour.	1849/071
Lockyer	Charles	Wilmot	George	22	12	1849	Assault	A	Lockyer, a carrier, had been in the Coach and Horses public house in East Wells when he was set upon and struck several times by Wilmot. Lockyer left the pub and sought assistance from PC Somers. When the two of them went back into the Coach and Horses, Lockyer was again attacked by Wilmot. Wilmot was bound over in the sum of £20 to keep the peace for 12 calendar months.	1849/072
Hill	William	Dudding	Benjamin	27	12	1849	Absconding from Wells Union workhouse	Ab	Hill, porter at Wells Union workhouse, stated that Dudding, who was being maintained in the workhouse at the expense of the parish of St Cuthbert, had absconded from the institution. Dudding was wearing clothes that were the property of the workhouse and had also taken some items that also belonged to the workhouse. Dudding was convicted and sentenced to 2 calendar months in prison at Shepton Mallet.	1849/073
Worthington	John	Moore	John	29	12	1849	Desertion from army	M	Worthington, a corporal in the 2nd Foot with responsibility for recruitment, arrested Moore as a deserter from the same regiment. Moore had enlisted in 1839 in Bristol and was on leave from his station at Bishops Caundle in Dorset. Moore was described as being 34 years of age, 5'9" in height with sandy hair, dark eyes and a fresh complexion.	1849/074